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GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,  
1792-1899.



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U.S. Mint At Philadelphia,  
1791-1936

Correspondence, 1792-1904

GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE,  
1792 - 1899

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1866/MAY





No. 283 Pearl St.

New York May 2nd 1848.

The Director of The U.S. Mint.  
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

We have an application, from  
a foreign govt, for suitable machinery for  
making copper coins, say stamps, rollers,  
dies etc. etc., but are unable to find any  
one who will manufacture them - Will  
you have the kindness to give us the name,  
and address of a party who makes said  
machines, & greatly oblige  
Yours truly

J. W. Adams & Coombs  
per Wm. H. Ayres.



From

Adams & Coombs

Hudson Mer<sup>ts</sup>

New York City

Asking for names of some  
firms to manufacture  
machinery for corn for  
a Foreign Govt.

See Reply within.

Aug 7. 1866

Jos. H. Adams & Coombs,  
Hardware Merchants  
and Dealers in  
General Merchandise.

No. 283 Pearl St.

Jos. H. Adams.  
Wm. P. Coombs.

New York.



Mint of the United States,

M + R, dept.

(Copy)

Philadelphia, May 8<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Messrs J<sup>r</sup>. H. Adams & Coombs.

Gents.

Yours of the

2<sup>d</sup> inst is rec'd, making inquiry for  
a manufacturer, who can make suitable  
machinery for making copper coins  
for Foreign Governments.

We refer you to Messrs Morgan,  
Arr & Co, of our City, who have made  
such machinery for Foreign  
Governments.

Yours Truly,

Thos<sup>d</sup> C. Pollock.

for Jas<sup>d</sup> Pollock

Director.

J. C. P.  
copy



Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> '6

Messrs. Holmes, Booth & Hayden  
Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sirs,

Your favor of the  
10<sup>th</sup> Inst. just rec<sup>d</sup>. Having made  
arrangements with you for delivering  
the 5-ct. blanks @ \$1.40 for the future,  
the Director instructs me to say that  
you may go on making & delivering  
them to the extent of five thousand  
pounds more, notifying us before-  
hand when the amount shall have  
been nearly filled. I wrote last, en-  
closing a blank as pattern, a couple of hairs  
narrower in diameter, & advising the  
unnecessity of shipping by Express, &c.

Yours truly

J. H. Booth



Cabinet of M. S. Mint Philadelphia Pa  
July 2<sup>nd</sup> 66

To the

Hon James Pollock

Director of M. S. Mint.

Sir:—

The following facts will serve to show you, the manner in which the public appreciate the fine cabinet of coins, medals and minerals attached to this mint. During the year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1866, the cabinet has been visited by 39427 persons, averaging 132 for each day. In June and December the attendance is greatest falling off very perceptibly in July and March. The visitors represent <sup>every</sup> part of our country, and the register bears the addresses of people from every county in Europe and South America.



The Cabinet is an object of special interest to schools and chronological students, and all such desires of inquiry have every means placed at their disposal. It is to be regretted that the appropriation for increasing the collection is so small. Still within the last year our coins have been added to by purchase and contribution, the proof set of our own coins, being objects of praise and delight, to every visitor. The medals have been largely increased by a collection <sup>French</sup> of medals, and some of our own including an excellent one of President Johnson. The Mineral department is enlarged by the addition of thirty beautiful specimens, mostly characteristic minerals from Greenland. The constant crowds have rendered the oil cloth, which covers the floor of the Cabinet nearly worthless. So



5352.

W. E. C.

Treasury Department.

June 2<sup>d</sup> 1866.

Sir,

As soon as the new five cent coins are ready for delivery, you are authorized to distribute them by Railroad &c in sums not less than fifty Dollars, and upon the same terms the one, two and three cent coins are now distributed,

I am Very Respectfully

Yours Truly

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Gen<sup>l</sup> Pollock

Secretary of the Treasury

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia -

(5 ct coin)

From

Sec. of Treasury, are  
throuing distributors  
of 5 ct coin, in some  
manner as 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>.

June 2<sup>d</sup>. 1866.



Please return the bill enclosed  
JMK.

Treasury Department.

May 5<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir:

Will you please inform me by return  
mail what will be the probable cost of  
coining three millions of dollars of five cent  
pieces as proposed in the Act herewith  
enclosed, and also the probable value  
of these coins, for other purposes, when they  
are retired.

Very Respectfully

L. R. Huntley

Assistant Secretary

Hon Jas Pollock

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia



5 ct. piece = 77.16 grains

weight of \$1000. = 3215.00 ounces  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 803.75 \text{ nickel} \\ 2411.25 \text{ copper} \end{array} \right\}$   $\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{ounces} \\ \text{pounds av} \end{array} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{lbs. 55.114} \\ \text{" 165.343} \end{array}$

3 millions would require, nickel (lbs.) 165,342 Copper (lbs.) 496,029

cost of nickel at \$2. = \$330,684. of copper at 30<sup>cts</sup> \$148,809.

Carriage of 3 millions would require one year

Our total expenses for one, two & 3 cent coins during year ending

Mar 31 '96 (not including cost of metals) were for Incidentals

\$88,959.26 wages \$29,120.54 Total \$118,079.80 Many

of these expenses being of a permanent character, it is probable

that an additional carriage of 3 millions in the piece of larger

value such as proposed, would not add more than  $\frac{3}{8}$  to the

expenses, say \$70,000. Assuming this to be so we have

the following estimate for the 3 millions:

Metals ————— \$479,493

all other expenses 70,000 Total \$549,493

In round numbers about \$18 $\frac{1}{2}$  per \$100., viz. metals \$16. carriage \$2 $\frac{1}{2}$



From  
Lecty. Treasury  
Enclosing Bill  
for 5 cent piece  
and asking Estimate  
of the cost &c

May 5<sup>th</sup> / 1866

3532.  
WEL  
Treasury Department.

May 23<sup>d</sup> 1866

Sir,

Your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> instant is received requesting a certified copy of the Act to authorize the coinage of five cent pieces, which is herewith enclosed.

You also enclose planchets of the proposed new five cent piece of the weight required by law, and of the diameter selected showing the size of the coin; the diameter being, as you say, just two "centimetres" or twenty "millimetres", so

that



that fifty pieces laid in a straight line will make the metre or unit of French measure; each piece being so nearly eight tenths of an inch in diameter, that no ordinary measurement would detect the difference.

The diameter of the coin is hereby approved, and you are authorized to prepare the planchets and forward specimen coins for approval, as required by the Act, and proposed in your letter.

Very Respectfully

T. M. Smith

Hon. Genl. Pollock

Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia

Secretary of the Treasury

Cor. Copy of Act.  
(5 ct) Comage



Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia May 21<sup>st</sup> 1866.

Hon H. McCulloch.

Sir.

Having seen in the published proceedings of Congress that the Bill authorizing the coinage of a 5 ct piece has become a law by the approval of the President; Will you be pleased to furnish me with a certified copy of the act, so that arrangements can be made for the early issuing of the coin. I desire to submit to you for selection & approval, specimens of the coin so soon as the dies can be engraved. It is desirable, in the mean time, that planchets be prepared & on hand, so that we can proceed immediately upon the adoption of the devices, with the manufacture of the coin. I herewith enclose planchets of the weight required by the law, & of the diameter selected, ~~in making the experimental dies~~, showing the size of the coin. This diameter harmonizes admirably with the weight & thickness of the planchets, & also with the "metric system"; that is to say, it is just two "centimetres or twenty" millimetres, so that fifty pieces laid in a straight line, would make the "metre" or unit of French measure. It will also be so near eight tenths of an inch, that



ordinary measurement can tell the difference. A smaller diameter would make the coin too thick & clumsy; a greater <sup>too large & so</sup> diameter, ~~too~~ thin as to render the striking almost impracticable, especially as the alloy or mixture is so hard. If you will ~~be so~~ signify your approval of the diameter selected, we will proceed at once to prepare the planchets, and as soon as the experimental dies are ready, & the specimen coins will be struck & forwarded to you for your selection & approval as required by the act.

Yours Most Respectfully  
J. A. H. W.



To  
Secretary Treasury  
<sup>certified copy of</sup>  
Asking for a bill  
authorizing the  
coinage of 5 cent  
pieces -

Enclosing planchets  
of the weight  
required by law  
and of the diameter  
selected

May 21. 1866



United States Mint  
Philadelphia May 28<sup>th</sup>/66

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary of the Treasury  
Sir

I have the honor to forward to you for selection and approval, Specimens of the ~~five~~ five cent piece, the coinage of which has been recently authorized.

No. 1— Obverse, the "Union Shield" resting on tied arrows, peace &c, motto, "In God we trust" & date. Reverse. 13 stars set in rays, U. S. of America & figure &c. "5 cents." A neat and unique design, & differs from ~~all~~ the devices on all of our other coinage. This specimen is in my opinion before all the others in artistic beauty—significance, & diversity. I would respectfully recommend its adoption.

No. 2. Obverse, "Head of Washington" motto, "In God we trust," & date &c



Reverse, same as No. 1; a neat and elegant coin.

No. 3. Obverse, "Head of Washington", and "U. S. of America" & date.

Reverse. wreath & figure &c 5 cents.

No 4 Obverse, "Head of Washington" motto, "In God we trust" & date.

Reverse. Wreath & figure "5"

The above are respectfully submitted for your consideration. Be pleased to notify me of your decision as early as convenient, so that the dies may be prepared for the coinage of the specimen selected. Orders are daily received for the coin, and we propose with your approval to issue them in the manner & upon the terms the one, two, and three cent coins are now distributed; Except that the amount of these coins sent free by Railroad & shall not be less than \$50.

Very respectfully,  
(signed) J. Pollock



To Secty Treasury

Submitting Specimens  
of the 5 cent piece,  
for his selection  
and approval

May 28. 1866



U S Mint

May 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch,  
Secy of the Treasury.  
Sir,

In returning the enclosed bill, and my reply to yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst, permit me to say in relation to the proposed amendments to the Bill, that whilst I approve the change in the weight of the coin from 60 to  $71\frac{16}{100}$  grs, I regard the other amendment viz striking out the words "no greater deviation than four grains," and inserting "with as little deviation as possible practicable," as objectionable. This language is too indefinite for a law regulating coinage. The allowance for deviation has always, and must always be put down in fixed terms, otherwise we are without limit or responsibility. But the object in view can be secured by an amendment free from all objections; and that is by reducing the allowance of deviation from four to two grains, or with "no greater deviation than two grains" to the single piece,



We can produce this coin "with as little deviation as practicable" within that limit, and in quantities to ~~suit~~ meet almost any demand. The proposed amendment would embarrass our operations, and lead to controversy in relation to deviation, that should be settled by the law.

Respectfully Yours  
J. A. Hollock  
Director



To  
Secty. Treasury

In relation to  
proposed Amend-  
ments to the  
5 cent piece bill

May 7. 1866



# Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia May 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. making certain inquiries relative to the cost, &c. of the proposed 5 cent piece.

At the present price of materials, the piece would cost about \$16.50 per \$100. for the nickel and copper. All other expenses would probably be covered by \$3. per \$100.; making the total cost  $19\frac{1}{2}$  p.c. or, for 3 millions, \$585,000.

The alloy would contain 25 parts of nickel and 75 parts of copper. This mixture, with the addition of zinc <sup>or copper</sup>, can be used for all the varieties of German Silver. It is believed, therefore, that the 5 cent pieces can be at any time sold for the market value of the copper and nickel of which they are composed.

If, however, the coin is to remain permanently a part of the circulation (which I presume is intended) there would not be any occasion to melt down and sell such portion as may be returned for redemption. It would suffice to diminish or suspend the coinage at any time when, by its return, it is shown to be redundant. The redeemed coins could be retained in the Government vaults for a



time, until the demand for them should again arise, which in a few weeks or months would undoubtedly be the case, unless some other coin is brought into competition with it. If specie payments should be resumed, a public preference for the silver 5 cent piece might cause an inconvenient return of the nickel coin; but the profit of the latter to the Government would make it expedient to suspend the coinage of the silver piece if at any time it served to discredit the proposed coin.

Very respectfully

Director

Hon. A. W. Culloch }  
Secy of the Treas'y }  
Washington }

P.S. - I may add that the coinage of \$3,000,000. in the 5 cent coin could be accomplished within a year, if found necessary, without interfering with the other demands on the Mint.



To  
Lecty. Treasury

Relative to cost  
of proposed five  
cent piece

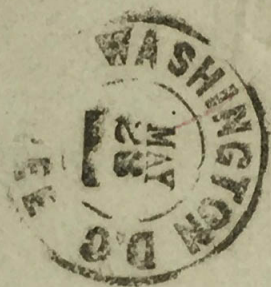
May 7. 1866



Saw authorizing the  
Coinage of a 5 cr.  
piece.

Approved May 16/66

also authority to pre-  
pare planchets -  
fixing devices, & author-  
izing distribution  
June 20/66



Treasury Department.

Wm E. Chandler

Asst. Secretary.

Done at Pollack

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

the







An Act to authorize the coinage of five-cent pieces.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That, so soon as practicable after the passage of this act, there shall be coined at the mint of the United States a five-cent piece composed of copper and nickel, in such proportions, not exceeding twenty-five per centum of nickel, as shall be determined by the director of the mint, the standard weight of which shall be seventy-seven and sixteen hundredths grains, with no greater deviation than two grains to each piece; and the shape, mottos and devices of said coin shall be determined by the director of the mint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury; and the laws now in force relating to the coinage of cents, and providing for the purchase of material, and prescribing the appropriate duties of the officers of the mint and the Secretary of the Treasury, be, and the same are hereby, extended to the coinage herein provided for.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws now in force relating to the coins of the United States, and the striking and coining of the same, shall, so far as applicable, be extended to the coinage herein authorized, whether said laws are penal or otherwise, for the security of the coin, regulating and guarding the process of striking and coining, for preventing debasement or counterfeiting, or for any other purpose. And the director of the mint shall prescribe suitable regulations to insure a due conformity to the required weights and proportions of alloy in the said coin, and shall order trials thereof to be made from time to time by the assayer of the mint, whereof a report shall be made in writing to the director.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That said coin shall be a legal tender in any payment to the amount of one dollar. And it shall be lawful to pay out such coins in exchange for the lawful currency in the United States, (except cents, or half cents, or two-cent pieces, issued under former acts of Congress,) in suitable sums, by the treasurer of the mint, and by such other depositaries as the Secretary of the Treasury may designate, and under general regulations approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. And under the like regulations the same may be exchanged in suitable sums for any lawful currency of the United States, and the expenses incident to such exchange, distribution, and transmission may be paid out of the profits of said coinage; and the net profits of said coinage, as ascertained in the manner prescribed in the second section of the act entitled "An act relating to foreign coins and the coinage of cents at the mint of the United States," approved February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, shall be transferred to the treasury of the United States: *Provided,* That from and after the passage of this act no issues of fractional notes of the United States shall be of a less denomination than ten cents; and all such issues at that time outstanding shall, when paid into the treasury or any designated depository of the United States, or redeemed or exchanged as now provided by law, be retained and cancelled.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person or persons not lawfully authorized shall knowingly make, issue, or pass, or cause to be made, issued, or passed, or aid in the making, issuing, or passing of any coin, card, token, or device whatsoever, in metal or its compounds, intended to pass or be passed as money for the coin authorized by this act, or for coin of equal value, such person or persons shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, and by imprisonment for a term not exceeding five years, at the discretion of the court.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the treasurer and the several assistant treasurers of the United States to redeem in national currency, under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, the coin herein authorized to be issued, when presented in sums of not less than one hundred dollars.

Approved, May 16, 1866.

*Department of State,  
Washington, May 23, 1866.  
A true copy.*

*W H Hunter,  
Chief Clerk.*



May 23.

1866



that I feel compelled to call your  
attention to it, hoping the oil clock  
may be replaced by one better suited  
to the Cabinet.

Respectfully submitting  
the above I have the honor to be

Yours obediently

A. R. Calhoun

In Charge of.

Cabinet of U. S. Mint



Report on the  
Cabinet by  
A. S. Calhoun  
Sept.  
July 3-1866.

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For Annual Report  
June 30/66

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Entered Aug 1—



Copy, U.S. Mint

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch,

Secy of the Treas'y,

Sir,

The usual monthly  
count and examination made at the Mint  
at the close of business yesterday the 30<sup>th</sup> ult.  
exhibited the following balances in the  
hands of the Treas of the Mint, viz,

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| In Gold        | \$ 170,856.50   |
| " Silver       | 59,836.59       |
| Ordinary Acc   | 43,933.10       |
| Cent "         | 281,380.22      |
| Br Mr San Fran | 7,553.44        |
| " " Denver     | <u>1,370.88</u> |
| Total          | \$ 564,930.73   |

corresponding with the balance as stated on  
that Officers books of account.  
Examination was at the same time made into  
the general condition and working of the  
Mint, and it was ascertained that the business  
of the Institution was conducted in a careful  
and satisfactory manner. Very Respectfully,  
H. McCulloch Sir



To  
Secty. Treasury  
Monthly Count  
and Examination  
for Apl. 1866

May. 1. 1866



Copy,

U. S. Mint

May 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Hon. Hugh McCulloch,

Secy of the Treasury

Sir

Pursuant to law, and the regulations of the Dept. I made examination, at the close of business yesterday, 30<sup>th</sup> ult., of the books, accounts and monies on hand in the office of the Asst Treas of the U. S. at Phila. and found a balance of \$15,524,231.30, which corresponds with his statement of accounts for that day, In the foregoing the following was counted as cash, viz,

Certificates of Temporary Loan \$356,317.60

Yours Respectfully  
Jas. Pollock,

Director



To  
Secty. Treasury  
Examination of  
books, monies and  
accounts in office  
of Asst. Treas. U. S.  
Philadu. for the  
month of Apr. 1866

May. 1. 1866

May 1866





Baltimore May 4<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Justice State, Ind

You will receive by  
Express a Box containing that  
Stone in which I the State  
has interest. You will  
please have the same  
annulged & report to me  
as soon as possible. Commence  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup>. If you can  
this Stone in fact in  
great quantity upon the  
surface of the ground  
the land on which the  
Stone is found is in the  
County of Montgomery State  
of Maryland write to me  
by Monday's mail care of  
the firm of the enclosure  
Card Most Respectfully C. B. Smith



P. I. the Lord who sends  
the Stone containing the  
Mural will leave the  
City on Tuesday Morning the  
8<sup>th</sup> If You can answer  
my request by Monday  
mail You will much  
obly's C. B. Smoot



May 8/66

I open of the 4<sup>th</sup> lot with box  
of Minerals, was, and this many  
(the 8<sup>th</sup>)

~~The contents of the box~~  
~~are~~ The mineral is not  
gold bearing quartz, nor does  
it contain any appreciable  
quantity ~~of any~~ of the precious  
metals. It is a very common  
stone a boulder - with mica  
- of no value -

Wm. R. R. R.  
J. R. R.

Wm. B. Smith



From Smoot  
C. B. Smoot  
Baltimore  
Md.

"Ref for assy" no paid  
& copy see there.

May 8/66.



Pawnee city Pawnee co  
May the 7 - 1866 - Nebraska

Gentlemen in closed  
is A specimen of mineral substance  
found at this place three miles  
west of this city I have bin  
requested to send some to you  
so as to ascertain what it is;  
and to learn whether there is  
any value in it or not  
will you be so kind as  
to try it or test it and  
address me with A letter

Direct: Pawnee city Pawnee co  
Nebraska

I am ever yours  
James H Bray



From.

Genl. H. Bray  
Lawrence City  
Mo

Enclosing sample of  
ore for analysis,  
May 14<sup>th</sup> 66



Micaceous Sand or Sand  
with mica; but no trace of  
gold or silver. This mineral  
is of no particular value

Jm



May 14<sup>th</sup>  
James H. Bandy  
Paines City

Sir  
Your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup>  
inst enclosing sample of ore  
for examination has been  
received. In reply I have to  
inform you that it is micaceous,  
same as sand with mica;  
but no trace of gold or silver.  
This mineral is of no particular  
value,

Yours truly  
Jas Pollock  
Director  
for M.B.  
P. H. K.



Copy,

U. S. Mint

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch,

Secy of the Treasury.

Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor  
of forwarding to you "Statement of  
Deposits and Coinage at the U. S.  
Mint during the month of April 1866,"

Very Respectfully  
J. A. Pollock

Director



To  
Secty. Treasury  
Enclosing Statement  
of Deposits and  
Coinage at U. S.  
Mint during  
the month of  
April 1866

May 7. 1866



Treasury Department,

Fourth Auditor's Office,

May 14", 1866.

Sir: I have the honor to request  
this office of the address, if known  
to you of Philip Ferree Esq or  
his son Geo<sup>t</sup> Ferree late ad  
Paymaster <sup>421 West 8th St</sup> wfst.

Very respectfully,

S. J. W. Taber,

Auditor

Hon  
Jas Pollock  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia Pa

S. P. Ferree Esq, 33 S. 3<sup>d</sup> St, who perhaps can inform

me as to the name of Philip Ferree.

From,

S J W Tabor

Auditor

Washington D.C

Asking for address  
of Philp. Ferree Esq  
late P.M. U.S.A

May 13<sup>th</sup> 66



U S Mint

May 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch

Secy of the Treasury

Sir

I have the honor herewith to request,  
that you will issue your warrant in favor of the  
Treasurer of the Mint for the sum of Forty two thou-  
sand eight hundred and seventy <sup>five</sup> dollars, \$42,875,  
being one quarter of the Appropriation made for  
the support of this Institution, for the 2<sup>d</sup> Quarter  
of the Fiscal Year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1866, as follows,  
Salaries, see Act making appropriations for deficiencies, passed April 6<sup>th</sup>, 1865, \$9,125  
Wages of Workmen and Adjusters 31,250  
Incidentals 2,500  
Total \$42,875

I will cause the sum of \$50,000 to be transferred  
from our Cent A/c to the A/c of Treas at Phila to  
meet the warrant that may be drawn.

Very Respectfully  
Jas Pollock

Director



To  
Secty Treasury

Requirement for  
2<sup>d</sup> Quarter of  
Fiscal Year, Ending  
June 30. 1866

May 14. 1866



It is agreed by and between the United States by H M Culleoch Secretary of the Treasury and the Adams Express Company by W B Dinsmore its President as follows -

First The United States hereby agrees to employ the said Company as its exclusive agent for the transportation of all moneys and securities belonging to the United States and to give to it as such agent for transportation all such moneys and securities of every kind which are to be transferred from one point to any other within the territory of the United States

Second The United States agrees



to pay to said com-  
pany for such trans-  
portation the several  
sums due from the  
United States for  
which as hereinafter  
expressed the said Com-  
pany undertakes to  
transport such money  
and securities

Third The said Company  
hereby agrees to trans-  
port as hereinafter  
specified such money  
and securities upon  
the terms hereinafter  
stated namely

1<sup>st</sup> Gold coin and  
bullion between all  
points reached through  
Established Express  
lines by continuous  
Railway Communi-  
cation one half a  
cent per mile per  
one thousand (1000)



Dollars for distances not over five hundred (500) miles and for distances exceeding five hundred (500) one quarter of a cent per mile per one thousand (1000) dollars.

2<sup>nd</sup> Silver coin and bullion at twice the rates above specified for transportation of gold coin and bullion. Freight on coin and bullion to be paid in coin.

3<sup>rd</sup> All other moneys including United States notes United States Treasury Notes Bank Notes of National Banks complete and incomplete United States fractional currency and all moneys belonging to the United States.



within the  
Terr of the  
Adams 25

States Internal Revenue Department  
and all Revenue Stamps  
whenever the same may  
be in transit between  
any two points in the  
territory of the Adams  
Express Company and  
reached by it twenty  
five (25) cents per  
one thousand (1000)

within the  
Terr of the  
Southern 35

Dollars. Between any  
two points in the  
territory of the Southern  
Express Company, ex-  
cept to points within  
the States of Arkansas  
and Texas, accessible  
as aforesaid, thirty five  
(35) cents per one  
thousand (1000) Dollars.  
It being understood  
that the territory of the  
Southern Express Com-  
pany includes the  
States of North and  
South Carolina, Georgia,  
Alabama, Mississippi



Louisiana Texas, Ar-  
Kansas Tennessee and  
that part of the State  
of Virginia lying South  
of Richmond and  
West of Lynchburg )  
Between any two points  
on the State of Texas  
or on the State of Ar-  
Kansas or between  
any two points several-  
ly on those two states  
respectively reached  
by the lines of the  
Southern Express Com-  
pany in manner  
aforesaid <sup>(50)</sup> fifty cents  
per one thousand  
(1000) Dollars. Between  
any two points in  
the territory of another  
Express Company  
than the Adams and  
the Southern Express  
Companies reached  
as aforesaid thirty  
five (35) cents per  
one thousand (1000)

within Texas  
and within  
Arkansas 50

between any  
two points  
in other Ex-  
press than A.  
+ S. 35



Dollars. Excepting herefrom incomplete National Bank currency en route from the Department at Washington to the Banks to which the same may belong for which the price of transportation is to be to each Express twenty five (25) cents per one thousand (1000) Dollars on the face valuation thereof between any two points one of which is in the territory of one Express Company and the other within the territory of another Express Company reached as aforesaid excluding herefrom the States of Texas and Arkansas sixty (60) cents per one thousand (1000) Dollars. Between any two

Incomplete Nat. Bk. Currency



points one of which is  
in the State of Texas  
or Arkansas, and the  
other in any <sup>of the</sup> other  
~~the~~ States Eighty five  
(85) cents per one thou-  
sand (1000) Dollars

4<sup>th</sup> Incomplete Nation-  
al Currency Notes En-  
route from the Engravers  
at New York to the  
Treasury Department  
for twenty (20) cents  
for each one thousand  
(1000) Dollars of the same  
to be computed on the  
face valuation thereof

5<sup>th</sup> Certificates of In-  
debtedness and Coupon  
Bonds from point to  
point on the lines of  
the Adams Express Com-  
pany for twenty (20)  
cents per one thousand  
(1000) Dollars: provided  
that when such trans-  
portation is between  
Washington and New York



> or any intermediate points on  
the line of direct Railroad Commu-  
nication between Washington  
and New York

The price shall be fif-  
teen (15) cents per one  
thousand (1000) Dollars  
and provided also  
that when the trans-  
portation is from a  
point on the lines of  
the Adams Express Com-  
pany to a point be-  
yond such lines and  
on the lines of another  
Express Company the  
price to be paid shall  
be thirty five (35) cents  
per one thousand (1000)  
Dollars to such other  
Express Company for  
Certificates of Indebt-  
edness and thirty (30)  
per one thousand (1000)  
to such other Company  
for Coupon Bonds.  
6<sup>th</sup> Registered Bonds  
from point to point  
on the lines of the Adams  
Express Company fifteen  
(15) cents per one thous-  
and Dollars; from a



point on the lines of the  
Adams Express Com-  
pany to a point on the  
lines of another Express  
fifteen (15) cents per  
one thousand (1000)  
to each Express Com-  
pany

7<sup>th</sup> Special mail pouches  
when going to and  
from the Assistant  
Treasurers of Boston  
New York and Phila-  
delphia shall be car-  
ried free of charge when  
they do not exceed the  
size of said pouches  
heretofore carried in  
the same manner.  
When they contain Mon-  
ey and Securities the  
said Company shall be  
paid for the trans-  
portation thereof at  
the rates heretofore  
specified

It is further mutually  
agreed as follows



that in computing the compensation of said company all moneys less than one thousand Dollars shall be paid for as one thousand (1000) Dollars

8<sup>th</sup> That all the transportation of moneys and securities contemplated by this agreement is to be between points accessible through established Express lines reached by continuous Railway communication and that this agreement does not in any manner embrace sea or river transportation of any kind nor apply in any manner to the transportation of moneys or securities beyond St Pauls Minnesota in that direction

9<sup>th</sup> That any loss or destruction total or



partial of the specified money, securities or stamps while in the course of transportation occasioned by fire or water or by the acts of the public Enemy or persons in arms or by any mob or riotous assemblage shall be borne by the United States. Excepting National currency incomplete in transit to a Bank when such loss or damage shall be borne by the Bank and not by the Adams Express Company or its constituents unless such loss shall be occasioned by the misconduct or neglect of the company its officers or servants.

In case of the loss or destruction of any money, securities or



stamps while being transported under this contract except as hereinbefore in this section otherwise provided for said Adams Express Company shall be liable as common carriers to the United States for the face valuation thereof. provided that the said Company shall upon discharging such liability be treated as the owners of such moneys and securities and entitled to the rights and remedies appertaining to other owners of lost or destroyed moneys or securities.

And further provided that if any portion of the incomplete National Currency Notes which may be lost and



paid for by the said  
Adams Express Com-  
pany shall be thereafter  
recovered the said Com-  
pany shall upon pre-  
sentation thereof be en-  
titled to receive from  
the United States the  
amount of such notes  
so recovered and pre-  
sented at their face  
valuation

10<sup>th</sup> That Either party  
may terminate this  
contract on thirty  
(30) days notice in  
writing to the other  
party

11<sup>th</sup> That until such  
termination there  
shall be assigned for  
the exclusive use of  
the said Company  
free of expense to it  
a room in the Treas-  
ury Building at Wash-  
ington which shall be  
under the control of



said Company subject to the general regulation of said Building and any delivery of moneys or securities for transportation to the Agents of said Company in the said assigned room shall be deemed a perfect delivery to said Company.

12<sup>th</sup> That all payments due to said Company from the United States for services performed hereunder shall be made monthly at the Treasury Department at Washington and payments due by Banks for transportation of incomplete currency shall be made by the Bank on delivery of the currency and for the transportation of Revenue Stamps shall be paid on delivery of



The same by the parties  
to whom the same  
are addressed and de-  
livered

This contract to take  
effect from and after  
the first day of May  
1866

In testimony whereof  
the parties hereto have  
hereunto set their hands  
and seals this twelfth  
day of May 1866

Hugh McCalluck  
Secretary of the  
Treasury

Adams Express Co  
By W B Dinsmore  
President

J M Thompson  
Secretary



Contract with  
U.S. Treasurer  
May 1. 1866

Particulars in Sep

1866



E C Allen, Cash

Returning his  
letter and check

on account of mistake

May 28<sup>th</sup> 66



May 28<sup>th</sup> 6.

E. C. Allen Esq. Cashier  
Sir.

The enclosed  
letter & check were rec'd this  
morning. As there is evidently a  
mistake, we return them for  
correction.

Yours Truly,  
Jas. Pollock  
Director  
J. A. P.



Direct to  
77 & 79 Broad St.  
N.Y.

Office of  
Hendricks Brothers.

New York May 26 1866

Gas Pollock Esq  
Sweeten us Mint.

Sir

In Reply to Yours of 25<sup>th</sup>  
the Muckel is of the Manufacture of "Montfione  
Levi & Co. Siege" and of high percentage.  
We will sell at \$1.30 per lb. Gold and will  
forward a small can for Trial. If satisfactory  
in quality - we will make a price if possible  
to meet your view for the lot.

Respectfully

Yours

Wm. W. Hendricks



From  
Hendricks Bros

New York,

In reply to Dir's letter  
of the 25<sup>th</sup> inst asking  
the price of m<sup>o</sup>kes, &c.

May 28<sup>th</sup> 66



Copy, U.S. Mint

May 28<sup>th</sup>, 66

Hon  
Hugh McCulloch,  
Secy of the Treas.  
Sir,

I have to request that the Collector  
of the Port of New York be instructed to  
admit free of duty the following, shipped  
for the use of the U.S. Mint viz,

6 cases Nickel, marked R Hazard & Co,  
U.S. Mint Nos 33. to 38, Imported per  
Steamer Edinburgh, <sup>Bill of Lading dated</sup> December 21<sup>st</sup> 1865,

Very Respectfully  
Jas Pollock  
Director



6  
Secty Treasury

Requesting that  
the Collector of  
Port of New York  
be instructed to  
admit free of duty  
6 cases of Wicks  
shipped for use of  
the U.S. Mint

May 28. 1866



Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, ~~May~~ <sup>th</sup> 25 1866

Messrs Hendricks Bros.  
New York,  
Gents.

Mr J Hendricks of  
your firm when in Phila, a  
few days since, informed me  
that you had some nickel  
you desired to dispose of, if  
possible. As yet we are not in  
want of the article, but if you  
will inform me of the manufac-  
turers name, and if the nickel  
is at least 95 per ct. I will try  
1000 lbs. provided the price is sat-  
isfactory. If satisfactory on trial  
and the demand will justify,  
I will then consider the propriety of  
purchasing the lot you have on hand.

Yours Respectfully,  
Jas B. Dillman  
Director



To,

Hendricks Bros

New York,

In relation to purchase of m. Kel,

May 25<sup>th</sup> 66



A. Dutton

May 25 1886

Sir

Please let us  
know what you allow  
for these bank loans

also please inform  
us what the you will give  
at per 3 copies and  
what would be the  
expense

And oblige

Respectfully

Alfred Gordon Ho

Sup't. U.S.S.

Minut. Sec.



From

Philip Gouvert: Geo

Baltimore

Md.

Mexican Southerners  
& Am. thro' express.

Ans. by Circular

May 26/66



To  
Egbert Bradley  
Michigan

Informing him  
that the deposit of  
Gold dust mentioned  
in his letter of the  
17<sup>th</sup> inst. was made  
at this Institution  
on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of April  
and on the 25 of the  
same month forwarded  
to him at East Saginaw  
Mich.

May 25. 1866



P.S.)

Portland <sup>mouth</sup>  
Egbert Bradley, Depot P.

Please find a bill stating the  
amount it will coin to ounce,  
J. C. Bradley

May 23<sup>d</sup> 66

Your deposit was rec'd Apr 23/66  
and on the 25<sup>th</sup> of same month the proceeds  
\$37<sup>67</sup>/<sub>100</sub> paid to Haddon & Co. Ex. Co.,  
by whom it was delivered here  
by Adams it was taken to East Saginaw,  
Mich. to your advantage. I  
have no doubt the package is at  
that place, ~~from which it was expressed~~  
here <sup>from that place</sup> & no direction, was rec'd by  
the Ex. Co. to send proceeds elsewhere  
they were returned to East Saginaw,  
Mich. I have been informed by the Agents  
of the Ex. Co.

Enclosed duplicate Mem. of the  
between deposits

Yrs



Apr 3<sup>d</sup>

Egbert Brady Esq  
Sir

The deposit mentioned  
in your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst  
was deposited at this Institution  
on the 23<sup>d</sup> of April by Hamdens  
Express Co. and on the 25<sup>th</sup> of the  
same month was forwarded to  
you at East Saginaw Mich, where  
no doubt you will find it, no  
directional being said by the Ex  
Co to forward it elsewhere, and I  
have been informed by the Express  
Co, Enclosed find Memorandum  
of the deposit mentioned.

Very truly

Geo Paddock

Sir  
Per J. B. P. Esq, etc,



New York

Essay Office

Papers

1866



United States Assay Office  
New York May 15/61

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. in which - referring to Senate Bill No. 266, "to Establish additional offices for the Assay of Gold and silver, and for other purposes," you request me to communicate to the Department my views relative to the Expense of establishing Assay Offices at the points named in the bill, together with any suggestions with regard to the details of the measure, which may occur to me.

Regretting that a serious illness has prevented me from giving earlier attention to your request, I beg leave now to present for your consideration, the following Estimates of the cost of erecting and furnishing the Eight Assay Offices named in the bill.

Reserving for the concluding part of my letter some suggestions with regard to the details of the bill in question, I would remark in advance, that for the purpose of affording to the several Mining Districts the Governmental accommodation which they need, the kind of Assay



large enough to give upon the ground floor the following rooms:

1. Treasurer's Office or Weigh Room
2. Fire-proof vault
3. Superintendent's Office
4. Assayer's Office & Weigh Room
5. Assayer's Laboratory
6. Deposit Melting Room.

These rooms could I think be conveniently arranged in a building with a frontage of about 40 feet, and a depth of about 56 feet. I have ventured to prepare a plan of such a building, which is herewith submitted.

As I do not possess the necessary information as to the prices of labor and materials, or the amount of mining business, at the several localities, to enable me to present separate estimates for each, I shall assume that the conditions are alike with respect to all, and shall base my estimates upon a mining business at each point of ten millions of dollars per annum, requiring an assay office constructed and organized in the manner above described.



## I. Estimated cost of Building.

I cannot of course pretend to accuracy in such an estimate. As the result of inquiry among persons conversant with the Expense of building in Nevada, I estimate the cost of such a building as I have indicated, exclusive of iron work, at

|                                                  |           |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Iron lining for Vault, with iron doors and locks | 2.500     |
| Iron roof, shutters & doors,                     | 4.500     |
| Total                                            | \$ 25.000 |

## II. Estimate cost of fitting up and furnishing the several departments of the Assay Office

### 1. Treasurers Weigh Room.

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| 2 large Balances @ \$500     | \$1000.- |
| 1 smaller do                 | 200.     |
| Weights for same             | 500.     |
| 1 Platform scale             | 50.      |
| 4 Trucks for deposits @ \$75 | 300.     |
| Pans, Boxes &c for deposits  | 500.     |
| Books, Blanks & Stationery   | 750.     |
| Total                        | \$ 3.300 |



2. Fire Proof Vault.  
Closets & shelving for deposits,  
bars &c.

\$200.-

3. Superintendent's Office  
Furniture

\$500.-

4. Assayers Office & Weigh Room

3 Assay Balances & Weights

\$500.-

3 smaller do

150.-

1 Balance for heavy work

60.-

1 Do.

30.-

Tools & implements

80.

Total \$880.

5. Assayer's Laboratory.

2 Assay Furnaces

\$150.

Extra muffle, bridges

doors &c for same

50.

1 Thurnid Assay Apparatus

150.

Tools & Implements

50.

2 pro. Steel Rods.

250.

3 small Steel Anvils

40.

Hammers, Chisels, &c

60.

Glass, flannels, matrasses,

pitchers & other utensils

250.

Total \$1080.



## 6. Deposit Melting Room

|                     |                  |
|---------------------|------------------|
| 3 Melting Turnaces  | \$450.00         |
| Tools & Implements  | 100.00           |
| Moulds, Mortars &c  | 250.00           |
| 2 Trucks @ \$75.    | 150.00           |
| 400 Black Lead Poto | 700.00           |
| Sand Crucibles      | 150.00           |
| Copper lined Boxes  | 200.00           |
|                     | <u>\$2000.00</u> |

## Recapitulation

|                                                              |                 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| I. Estimated Cost of Building                                | \$25.000        |
| II. Estimated cost of fitting up<br>and furnishing:          |                 |
| 1. Treasurer's Weigh Room.                                   | \$3.300.        |
| 2. Fire Proof Vault.                                         | 200.            |
| 3. Superintendent's Office                                   | 500.            |
| 4. Assayer's office, and<br>weigh-room                       | 800.            |
| 5. Assayer's Laboratory                                      | 1.000           |
| 6. Deposit Melting Room                                      | <u>2.000</u>    |
|                                                              | 7.800           |
| III. Add for additional Furniture<br>for the entire Building | 2.200           |
| Total cost of Assay Office<br>fitted & furnished             | <u>\$35.000</u> |



The eight Assay Offices contemplated by the Senate Bill, already referred to, would at the above estimate of \$35.000 each, involve an aggregate expenditure of \$280.000

I have not attempted to estimate the cost of transportation of the materials required for the erection, and furnishing these offices, but I add for this item.

20.000

Increasing the total expenditure to \$300.000

For the support of these offices for the first year after their erection, I estimate that there would be required for Salaries, wages and Incidental Expenses, in addition to the revenue to be derived from charges upon bullion deposited about \$12.500 each, making in all 100.000

Total appropriation required \$400.000.

As however, I may have greatly underrated the cost of the buildings, I would recommend that the appropriation named in the bill (\$600.000) be retained.

Having thus as accurately as I have been able to do it, presented



estimates of the cost of erecting the proposed assay offices, I have now to submit, very respectfully, a few observations upon the details of the bill before Congress.

I would suggest that the second section be so amended that the Officers to be appointed shall be a Superintendent, who shall also perform the duties of Treasurer, and an Assayer who shall also perform the duties of Melter.

I would also give to the Assayer the power to appoint, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, one or more assistants, as the business of his department may require. It is very important that these two officers should be quite independent of each other in the management of their respective departments; and while it would be proper that the general control of the Institution should be committed to the Superintendent, the Assayer is certainly entitled to control the selection of his immediate assistants. In the 13<sup>th</sup> line of the second section, the words "of the mint," should be omitted. It is the manifest intention of this section to give the power of fixing the wages of workmen to the Superintendent of each assay office,



and not to the Superintendent of the Mint.  
There is no such officer.

The next alteration which I would suggest is of the 12<sup>th</sup> line of Section 6.

Instead of the words "Weight and fineness," I would insert the words, "weight, fineness, and value." The chief object which the miner would have for bringing his bullion to the Assay office, would be to have its value ascertained and certified.

Then in the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> lines of this section, I suggest the omission of the words, "two per centum of its value for melting, assaying and stamping," and the substitution of the words, "the established charges of the Office."

You will notice by reference to Sect. 4 of the bill, that the Director of the Mint is required, "to establish such charges for melting, assaying and stamping as shall appear to him to be necessary &c."

This covers the whole ground.

In line 17 of Section 6. I suggest the omission of the words, "issued by the Superintendent," and



the substitution of the words now in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> lines, "in coins of the same metal as that deposited".

I would also alter the remainder of the section, so that it should read as follows:

"Or in lieu thereof, as he may choose, he shall receive a certificate or certificates for the net value thereof in coins of the same metal as that deposited by him, which certificates shall be payable at either of the following places, viz:

The United States Branch Mint at San Francisco, the United States Assay office at New York, or the United States Mint at Philadelphia; and shall be receivable in payment of all debts due to the "United States".

My reasons for these alterations are these;

1. I would not prescribe in the law just how the certificates should be issued. This is properly a subject of instruction by the Secretary of the Treasury. I would suggest as a measure of safety that all certificates issued at these Assay Offices, should be signed by the Superintendent,



and countersigned by the Assayer; and generally that the duties of these Officers should be so arranged that each should be a check upon the other.

2. These offices are by Sect. 4. of the bill placed under the general direction of the Director of the Mint, subject to the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury; & it is made the duty of the Director to prescribe all necessary regulations.

It is for this reason that I have struck out the words in the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> lines of Sect 6., "in such denomination and form as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury."

3. I have re-written the remainder of Sect. 6. in order to introduce as one of the places upon which certificates shall be drawn, the U.S. Assay office at New York. A great portion of the product of the Mines, after paying local expenses, will be for account of Capitalists in the Atlantic States. For purposes of remittance the preference would be given to certificates payable at New York, and it has seemed to me that this omission in the bill should be supplied.

It would perhaps be a



simpler plan to make these certificates payable by the Assistant Treasurers at San Francisco and New York. This alone would give them all necessary currency. These several Assay offices might then be furnished each with a Bullion Fund, as authorized by existing laws, and a portion of the Fund for each Assay Office be deposited with the Assistant Treasurer at San Francisco and New York for the redemption of such Bullion certificates, as they should respectively issue.

The bullion accumulating at the Assay Offices should of course be forwarded from time to time to the nearest Mint for coinage.

For the purpose of exhibiting more clearly the various amendments, I send herewith a printed copy altered in accordance with my suggestions.

Permit me in conclusion to express my approval of the policy of the bill under consideration. It affords to the Mining Enterprise of the Country, just the encouragement which it needs: a convenient and reliable authority for determining the value of the



bullion taken from the earth, and a method whereby upon reasonable terms, that value can be realized to the miner.

It seems to me also, that this measure must have a happy effect upon the finances of the country.

Each of these Assay Offices will become a feeder to the Treasury, — furnishing too just that pabulum which makes the life-blood of the national finances.

In this connection I cannot refrain from expressing the hope that the existing Branch mints at New Orleans, Charlotte N.C., Dahlonega. Ga, Denver Col. Tex., Carson City, Nev., and I believe at one or two other points, will be converted into Assay Offices, "for the melting, assaying and stamping" only of such bullion as shall be presented. The coinage of the country ought to be executed in well appointed mints, where the highest mechanical and artistic skill can be commanded. Two Mints at most are sufficient, one for the Atlantic states, and one for the Pacific. For the rest Assay Offices are all sufficient.

I have the honor to be

Hon Hugh McCulloch }  
Secty. Treasury }

Very respectfully your Obedt Servt.  
(Sgd) Geo. F. Drumming  
Subst.

\* Dallas City  
Oregon



Pr. Ments.  
Copy.

From Geo. F. Downing  
Supt As. Office  
New York.

to Am A. McCulloch  
on the establishments  
of Assy offices in the  
Tennessee, &c,  
May 15. 1866.



Statement  
U. S. Assay Office  
New York  
for  
1855-6.

Sept. 3, 1866.



Statement of Business at the UNITED STATES ASSAY OFFICE,  
at New York, for the Fiscal Year ~~Quarter of~~ <sup>ending</sup> June 30, 1866.

| DESCRIPTION.                            |           |      |           |      |           |      |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|------|-----------|------|-----------|------|
| GOLD DEPOSITS.                          |           |      |           |      |           |      |
|                                         | DOLLARS.  | CTS. | DOLLARS.  | CTS. | DOLLARS.  | CTS. |
| <i>Nevada</i>                           | 5,710     | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| <i>Washington Ter.</i>                  | 2,232     | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| Oregon,                                 | 8,705     | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| <i>California</i>                       | 4,456,392 | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| Colorado,                               | 496,805   | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| <i>Kansas</i>                           | 1,767     | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| Idaho,                                  | 205,844   | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| Montana,                                | 3,132,370 | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| <i>North Carolina</i>                   | 29,536    | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| Mint Bars redeposited ( <i>Denver</i> ) | 125,010   | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| <i>Virginia</i>                         | 1,693     | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| <i>Georgia</i>                          | 11,161    | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| <i>Alabama</i>                          | 1,135     | ~    | 8,478,360 | ~    |           |      |
| Jewelers' Bars, &c.,                    |           |      | 261,150   | ~    |           |      |
| U. S. Coins, (old,)                     |           |      | 2,864     | ~    |           |      |
| Foreign Coins,                          |           |      | 115,877   | ~    |           |      |
| Do. Bullion, (various,)                 |           |      | 138,867   | ~    |           |      |
| <del>Do. Do.</del>                      |           |      | -         | -    |           |      |
| Parted from Silver,                     |           |      | 79,304    | 00   |           |      |
|                                         |           |      | -         | -    |           |      |
|                                         |           |      | -         | -    |           |      |
| Total Gold,                             |           |      | -         | -    | 9,076,422 | ~    |
| SILVER DEPOSITS.                        |           |      |           |      |           |      |
| Lake Superior,                          | 14,024    | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| Nevada, (Washoe,)                       | 93,868    | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| California,                             | 453       | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| <i>Colorado</i>                         | 419       | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| Mint Bars, redeposited,                 |           |      |           |      |           |      |
| Parted from Gold,                       | 102,067   | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| <i>Georgia</i>                          | 304       | ~    |           |      |           |      |
| <i>Idaho</i>                            | 2,346     | ~    | 213,481   | ~    |           |      |
| Jewelers' Bars, Plate, &c.,             |           |      | 116,071   | ~    |           |      |
| U. S. Coins, (old,)                     |           |      | 28,419    | ~    |           |      |
| Foreign Coins, (various,)               |           |      | 231,602   | ~    |           |      |
| Do. Do. <i>Sp. &amp; Mex.</i>           |           |      | 3,178     | ~    |           |      |
| Do. Bullion,                            |           |      | 79,505    | ~    |           |      |
|                                         |           |      | -         | -    |           |      |
|                                         |           |      | -         | -    |           |      |
| Total Silver,                           |           |      |           |      | 672,256   | ~    |
|                                         | Gold.     |      | Silver.   |      | Total.    |      |
| Paid in Bars,                           | 2,044,986 |      | 345,325   |      | 2,390,311 |      |
| " Coins,                                | 7,031,436 |      | 326,931   |      | 7,358,367 |      |
| Gold and Silver Total,                  | 9,076,422 |      | 672,256   |      | 9,748,678 |      |

3,760 Gold Bars Stamped, No. to

8,862,451



Statement  
U. S. Assay Office  
New York  
for  
1855-6.

Sept. 3, 1866.



Augusta Ga. May 24, 1866,  
Director, Mint,  
Phila. Pa. }

Dear Sir: — I have  
some gold dust I wish  
coined. If I send it di-  
rect to you by Express will  
you forward me the proceeds <sup>in coin</sup>  
back by Express. I have  
no agent in Phila. —

I can buy probably from  
500 to 800 dwts of dust here  
every week.

Please give me the  
rate per cent the Mint now  
charges for coining.

Hoping you will be  
so kind as to reply to the  
above as soon as convenient

I am Most Respectfully  
yours.

J. P. H. Brown  
Augusta, Ga.



From

J. P. H. Brown  
Augusta. Ga.

Now gold bullion is to  
be sent & deposited  
Am. & Gold Circular

May 29. 1866



John H. Baker Esq,

Portland, Maine.

Enclosing ch'k on N. Y. for  
\$50 for 5 cts pieces.

chk returned May ~~17~~ 66

— " —  
Answer within,

— " —



(Maine)  
Portland, May 15, 1866.

James Pollock, Esq.

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia.

Dear Sir -

Please find check  
on New York for Fifty Dollars. At your earliest  
convenience, forward me the amount in the new  
issue 5 ct. pieces. Of course I expect to wait my  
turn.

Respectfully,

James H. Baker.

198 Commercial St.

Portland, Me.



May 17<sup>th</sup> 6.

Jas. S. Baker Esq.  
 Sir.

Your note of the  
15<sup>th</sup> inst, enclosing check on N. Y.  
for \$50, has been rec'd. The bill  
authorizing the coinage of a  
5 ct. piece awaits the President's  
signature in order to become a  
law. We can furnish you  
the coin in one month thereafter.  
Your check is herewith returned.

Yours &c,

Jas. Pollock,

Director.

Per J. C. R.



Louisville July 10. 1866

James Pollock & Director  
Mint of U.S. Phila  
Afr

On the 26 June ulto,

I sent you per Express 3 bags Gold dust gross  
weight 320  $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs with request that you send me  
Gold coin chks or Cert of dep for proceeds.

Please report the nett proceeds of the dust  
and forward the coin to "Continental  
National Bank" New York N.Y. for the Cr.  
of the "Franklin Bank of Kentucky Louisville Ky."  
and advise.

You will much oblige by giving me nett  
gross weight of the dust & statement of  
charges.

John P. Byrne

Drawer-30

Louisville Ky

Deposited on the  
2<sup>nd</sup> of July by the  
National Express Co.  
It has not been paid.  
J. S. B

1036



John P. Byrne,  
Louisville Ky. In  
Reference to Bullion  
deposited by National  
Express Co.

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1866,  
" " —



John T. Byrne Esq.

July 17<sup>th</sup>

C.

Sir.

Yours of the 10<sup>th</sup> inst.  
in reference to three bags of gold dust has  
been rec'd. It was deposited on the 2<sup>d</sup> of July  
by the National Express Co. The proceeds  
have not yet been paid to the Co.  
The Co. await your orders. I will show them  
your letter. Enclosed memorandum of  
Bullion deposited, showing value &c.

Yours Truly.

W. P. P. P.  
Director



New York May 16/44

Prof. J. C. Booth.

U. S. Mint, Phila.

Dear Sir,

This will be  
handed you by Mr T. L. Scovill,  
a member of our firm, who visits  
the Mint with a party of friends.

I have requested  
him whilst there to see you in  
relation to the bal. of W. C. Blanks  
w<sup>h</sup> we have on hand & for w<sup>h</sup> we  
will be willing to take coin in  
exchange, agreeable to my letter in  
Mch last.

I should there be any  
opportunity for figuring or estimating  
on the new five cent coin blanks.  
we will be happy to hear from you,  
& think that both in quality & price  
we may meet yr views.

Yours Truly

Sam<sup>l</sup> Holmes & Co  
Scovill Mfg Co.



U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1866/MAY

CO-5501012 V78928-23114  
01/08/2019  
00-5501012 V78928-23114







U.S. AMT current correspondence

1866 / June 1867







Silver Wastage in the Chief Coiner's Department of the Mint of the United States.  
For 2nd Quarter ending June 30th 1866

| For 2nd Quarter ending June 30th 1866 |              |         |      |                              |      |                            |      |                                            |      |           |      |          |      |                   |      |                        |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|---------|------|------------------------------|------|----------------------------|------|--------------------------------------------|------|-----------|------|----------|------|-------------------|------|------------------------|
| DATE of WORKING.                      | DESCRIPTION. | INGOTS. |      | WASTAGE.                     |      |                            |      |                                            |      |           |      |          |      | TOTAL<br>WASTAGE. |      | RATE<br>IN<br>THOUS'S. |
|                                       |              |         |      | ROLLING<br>and<br>ANNEALING. |      | CUTTING<br>and<br>WASHING. |      | ADJUSTING,<br>ASSORTING<br>and<br>MILLING. |      | CLEANING. |      | COINING. |      |                   |      |                        |
|                                       |              | oz.     | dec. | oz.                          | dec. | oz.                        | dec. | oz.                                        | dec. | oz.       | dec. | oz.      | dec. | oz.               | dec. |                        |
| 1866                                  |              |         |      |                              |      |                            |      |                                            |      |           |      |          |      |                   |      |                        |
| April 13                              | Half Dollar  | 16.885  | 20   | 2                            | "    | 0                          | 50   | "                                          | 00   | 5         | 60   | "        | 00   | 4                 | 10   |                        |
| " 20                                  | " "          | 11.775  | 00   | 1                            | 70   | "                          | 70   | "                                          | 00   | 4         | 60   | "        | 00   | 3                 | 60   |                        |
|                                       |              | 28.660  | 20   |                              |      |                            |      |                                            |      |           |      |          |      | g 7.70            | .026 |                        |
| 1866 May 1                            | Dollar       | 22.756  | 50   | 2                            | 90   | "                          | 20   | "                                          | 10   | 6         | 40   | "        | 00   | 3                 | 80   |                        |
| " 31                                  | Half do      | 2.334   | 80   | 1                            | 20   | "                          | 50   | "                                          | 05   | 1         | 00   | "        | 00   | "                 | 35   |                        |
|                                       |              | 25.091  | 30   |                              |      |                            |      |                                            |      |           |      |          |      | g 14.15           | .016 |                        |
| 1866 June 7                           | Half Dollar  | 28.209  | 50   | 4                            | 90   | 1                          | 80   | "                                          | 00   | 8         | 20   | "        | 00   | 5                 | 10   |                        |
| " 16                                  | " "          | 36.258  | 40   | 4                            | 60   | 1                          | 60   | "                                          | 10   | 12        | 50   | "        | 00   | 9                 | 60   |                        |
| " 18                                  | " "          |         |      |                              |      |                            |      |                                            |      |           |      |          |      |                   |      |                        |
| " 20                                  | " "          |         |      |                              |      |                            |      |                                            |      |           |      |          |      |                   |      |                        |
|                                       |              | 64.467  | 90   |                              |      |                            |      |                                            |      |           |      |          |      | g 14.70           | .022 |                        |

N.B. Black Ink denotes the "Losses" Red Ink the "Gains"



Silver

Wastage Account  
for Dr Lorenzo  
June 30<sup>th</sup> 1866,

Chief Corner

Lps



# UNITED STATES TREASURY

No. 2566

Philadelphia, Dec 20 1866

I Certify, that

pleasure of Mr. [unclear]  
this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States,  
we made good  
Dollars on account of Internal Revenue Tax on  
Salaries & Wages ordinary &c

for which I have signed triplicate receipts

\$ 504 30/100

W. B. Brown

Assistant Treasurer U.S.



Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, June 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

Jas T Hill Esq - Cashier,  
Sir

The Ex Co informs me that the \$50. in small coin ordered by you for Boardman & Maloy Portersville N.Y., is now at the of the Ex Co in New York, and also say that there is no place as Portersville in New York State; but Portville. Your order stated Portersville. How is this? Which is correct, I would again ask you to require your Clerks to give us distinctly and clearly the name of the place and county. The coins mentioned will remain in the Office N.Y. until we hear from you. Yrs. Pollock Director



To

Mrs J Hell, Cashier  
1<sup>st</sup> Nat Bank

New York.

In relation to ad-  
dress of Boardman  
& Manly, N.Y. State  
June 30<sup>th</sup> /66,



Treasury Department.

June 6 1866

My Dear Sir

I enclose press copy  
of letter to Finance Committee of Senate  
on the subject of Army Offices: also  
copy of letter of Miss Browne to which  
reference is made, thinking that you  
would be interested in their perusal.  
The press copy is not distinct, but you will  
be able to read it over white paper.

Please send me, if you have them, a  
few proofs of the fine cut coins in the 100

which I ordered.

Very Truly

Hon Jas Pollock  
Director &c

Geo. Jay Hunt



Office at New York.

I concur in the opinion of the  
Supt. of the assay office expressed in his  
report that no more Branch Mints should  
be established and I should be glad  
to have a section incorporated in this  
bill converting all existing Branch  
Mints with the exception of the Branches  
at San Francisco and New Orleans, into  
assay offices.

I enclose herewith a letter from



of the bills attend in accordance  
with the suggestions contained in  
this letter.

I am very respectfully

Yours of the President

Wm Geo H Williams  
of Committee on Finance  
U. S. Senate —



June 6<sup>th</sup> 66,

Sir:

Referring to the

Letter of April 26<sup>th</sup> ultimo, relating to  
S 266 "A Bill to establish additional  
offices for the assay of gold and silver  
and for other purposes" I have the  
honor to transmit herewith a copy of a  
report of the Superintendent of the Assay  
Office in New York, to whom the bill was  
referred for his views.

In addition to the suggestions  
contained in the report of the Superintendent



of the Assay Office there are also other objections to the bill. Section one requires the establishment of assay offices at eight different points, at some of which from the best evidence I can obtain no such offices are needed.

These offices should be established whenever it is certain that the development of the mines and the production of bullion in any district is sufficient to authorize it, but they should not be established in advance of such development and production. A substitute is therefore proposed for section one of the bill, so that it will read "That the Secretary



the Treasury is hereby authorized to

establish assay offices of the United States  
for the receipt of

and stamping of gold and silver at

such points in the States of Nevada,

Oregon, and Minnesota and in the Territories

of Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Idaho,

and Montana as he may deem expedient

whenever satisfactory evidence is presented

to him that the mining interests in

such States or Territories, or in any of them,

are sufficiently developed to require the

establishment



establishment of such assay offices; and  
that the sum of six hundred thousand dollars  
be appropriated for carrying the provisions  
of this section into effect."

relative to the location of assay offices  
I also enclose herewith a copy of a  
communication from J. Hop Brown Esq  
who has recently traveled extensively  
through the districts bordering on the  
Pacific slope and whose views, derived  
from practical experience, of the resources  
and necessities of those districts, are  
eminently entitled to consideration.

In Section Six, line 15 an amendment



see bill enclosed

is also proposed, so that it will read  
" ~~as was before~~  
be authorized under the direction of the  
Secretary of the Treasury and on being  
to be presented by him, to issue a certificate  
or certificates for the net value thereof in  
copies of the same metals as that deposited  
by him, which certificates shall be  
payable at either of the following places,  
to wit: the United States Mint at Philadelphia

The United States Branch Mint at  
San Francisco or the United States Assay



John C. Smith,  
President.

D. S. Read,  
Vice President.

A. G. Richmond,  
Cashier.

# Canajoharie National Bank

Canajoharie, N.Y. June 2. 1866.  
Hon. W. C. Chandler Esq. Cashier

My dear sir,

Dear Sir,

I have  
received with enclosures as stated, your favor of the \_\_\_\_\_ inst.

Respectfully

Cashier.

I enclose for collection and

I see by the papers, that 4 specimens of the  
new 5¢ coin have been submitted to the  
Secretary of the Tr. for his choice and  
approval, If they are of no farther use  
to the Govt. I would like to obtain them,  
May I trouble you to make the inquiry?  
Very Respectfully

A. G. Richmond

Wrote to Mr. R. that this letter had been referred to  
the bank: & that the coin would not probably be obtained.

JJC



Annual Estimates

for  
the Year Ending

June 30. 1866



# Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia November 1864

Hon. W<sup>m</sup> P. Fessenden

Secretary of the Treasury:

Sir:

I herewith transmit to you the estimates received from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, San Francisco, for the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1866. In the absence of these estimates, and unable to account for the delay of their ~~preparation~~<sup>preparation</sup>, I forwarded to you on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. estimates for the same ~~period~~<sup>period</sup> made here, and approximating the amount required as nearly as could be done, without full and particular information of the necessities of the Institution. The estimates now forwarded have been prepared with care by the proper officers of the Branch at San Francisco, and although larger in amount than those forwarded by me, yet, on full examination, I am satisfied that the sum required is not, under all the circumstances of the case, too large; and therefore approve the estimates now submitted, and request that they be substituted for those already sent.



I also enclose a copy of the letter of the Superintendent, explanatory of the estimates.

I have forwarded a copy of these estimates to the Register of the Treasury.

Yours Very Respectfully,



Letter to Sec. of Treasury.  
on missing Estimates  
for year ending  
June 30. 1866.

copy "

Nov. 23<sup>d</sup>. 1864  
also letter from Suplt.  
to Mr. H.



Grounds of the Estimates of the Treasury of the  
United States at Philadelphia, for the fiscal  
year ending June 30. 1866.

1. Salaries of Clerks and Clerks.

The amount appropriated under the  
head for the current fiscal year was \$  
26,400. The same amount will be required  
for the year ending June 30. 1866.

26,400

(2) Stages of Labor and Disposition.

The amount appropriated for this item  
for the current fiscal year was \$125,000.  
As no increase in the working force or  
no increase of wages is contemplated,  
the same amount will be required for  
the year ending June 30. 1866.

125,000

(3) Incidental and Contingent expenses.

No appropriation under this head was  
required for the current fiscal year there  
having been an unexpended balance on  
hand sufficient for our purposes. There is  
still a balance unexpended of about \$10,000,  
the amount necessary is about \$40,000. It  
will therefore require \$40,000. to be appropri-  
ated for the next fiscal year ending June 30. 1866

40,000

(4) Specimens of ores & coins.

An annual appropriation has been  
made for several years past, for the  
purchase of specimens of ores and  
coins, for the Cabinet of the Smithsonian Institution.



Same amount is ordered for the  
year June 30th 1866.

5) Freight on Billini & Co.

It is estimated that the unexpended  
balance of former appropriations will be  
sufficient to meet these expenses for the  
next fiscal year. No appropriation  
is therefore deemed necessary.



Appropriations required for the <sup>1st</sup> of the  
United States at Philadelphia for fiscal  
year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1866.

I. Salaries of civil clerks.

|                                         | Dollars. | Cents. |
|-----------------------------------------|----------|--------|
| Director                                | 2.50     |        |
| Treasurer                               | 2.00     |        |
| Assayer                                 | 2.00     |        |
| Melter & Refiner                        | 2.00     |        |
| Chief Comptroller                       | 2.00     |        |
| Engraver                                | 2.00     |        |
| Assistant Assayer                       | 1.50     |        |
| Seven Clerks - 6 at \$1000 & 1 at \$400 |          |        |
|                                         | 6.00     | 11.40  |
|                                         | 26.40    |        |

135.000

II. Wages of laborers & assistants.

III. Incidentals & contingent expenses.

10.000

IV. Expenses of ores & coins.

V. Freight on Bullion & coins,  
No appropriation required

11.700

Total.



relating to me.

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock



Washington D.C.

June 6<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Hon. Hugh McCulloch

Secretary of the Treasury

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 31<sup>st</sup> ult. and in reply beg leave to say that in my opinion the development of the mines throughout the States and Territories west of the Rocky Mountains would be greatly promoted by the establishment of assay offices, as proposed in the bill for that purpose, now pending before Congress. Doubtless the effect would be equally beneficial in the mineral regions east of that range, but having traveled extensively during the past three years through the districts bordering on the Pacific slope, I am better prepared to speak of their resources and necessities from practical experience.

It would not, I think, be judicious to designate the localities for these assay offices, in an act of Congress. Several of the points mentioned



in the Bill, as reported, seem to have been selected without proper information as to the character of the country or the development of its mineral resources. Among these, I need only mention the following.

1— Great Salt Lake City.

There are rich mineral ledges in that vicinity, but they have not yet been worked to any considerable extent, owing to the discouraging condition of affairs existing between the Mormon & Gentile population. The laws of the United States are inoperative there, and must continue so until the Government deems it expedient to enforce them. It would be useless, therefore, to establish an Assay office at that point under existing circumstances.

2— Aubrey and Tucson, Arizona.

The town of Aubrey, so called, is situated on the banks of the Colorado River, at the mouth of Bill Williams' Fork, and consists of a few mud hovels, now for the most part abandoned. No mining of any consequence is carried on in that vicinity, and no bullion is produced. A copper mining company has some



interests there, but it is questionable whether they have yet discovered a true lode. Their present dependence is chiefly upon crossings. Tucson is the centre of a rich mineral region, but none of the mines are in progress of development, and but little, if any, bullion is produced. The Cerro Colorado Mines, south of Tucson, have been practically abandoned, and the mines of Santa Rita are not now worked. In short, the depredations of the Apaches have arrested nearly all mining operations in the Territory. It may become expedient, at some future time, to establish an assay office at Prescott, the capital, which is the centre of a rich mineral region, but even that part of the country is not now in progress of development.

There are other points mentioned in the bill, where assay offices are really needed and where they would be of great benefit to the miners, viz:

1- Austin, Nevada.

This is one of the most prosperous mineral regions, west of the Rocky Mountains. It now produces about \$300,000



per month, and will probably produce double that amount by next year. At least fifteen quartz-mills are in active operation in that district. The neighboring districts of Yankee Blade, Snake Valley, Bunker Hill, Lone, Turin River, &c., are all in a prosperous condition, and yield more or less bullion, which finds its way into Austin as the central point of trade.

### 2- Boise City, Idaho.

The territory of Idaho has already attracted a large mining population, and is justly regarded as one of the richest mineral countries yet discovered within our borders. An assay office at this or some other convenient point, would greatly promote the development of the mines.

### 3- Virginia City, Montana.

The same may be said of this Territory. Here active operations are going on, and the mines are yielding abundantly.

I have thus hastily and in general terms referred to a few points suggested to me by a perusal of the Bill. Much might be said on



the subject but I presume your time is limited, and I am not now prepared to go into details.

A great drawback to the miners operating in remote frontier countries is the insecurity of the routes to the central points of trade.

This is especially felt in Montana and Idaho. Within the past two years, many cases of robbery and murder have occurred on the roads leading to Salt Lake City and Oregon and California. If the miners could receive certificates of deposit for their bullion, payable at Portland or San Francisco, it would be a great convenience to them as well as a source of protection.

Another advantage to be derived from the establishment of assay offices would be the prevention of fraud. No reliance can be placed upon the certificates issued by many of the private assay offices. Indeed they are made the basis of most of those gigantic swindles which have done so much within the past two years to discourage the investment of capital in mining operations. If purchasers could be assured of the true value of what they purchased, so



for at least as correct assays could determine it,  
greater confidence would prevail.

In view of the fluctuations incident  
to the pursuit of mining and the necessity  
of having these offices at such points as experience  
may demonstrate to be the permanent centres of  
business and population, I am clearly of opin-  
ion that it would best accomplish the object  
desired, to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury  
to select the localities, and order the erection  
of the buildings, upon satisfactory data fur-  
nished him by the people of the respective  
states and territories, when they shall have  
settled all local disputes among themselves  
and arrived at some equitable conclusion.

Very Respectfully

Your obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

[Signed]

J. Ross Browne



U. S. Branch Mint

Denver Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1864,

Sir

Your Telegram of 10<sup>th</sup> Inst  
asking for estimates from this Branch  
Mint for the fiscal year ending June  
30<sup>th</sup> 1866 is received. The estimates ren-  
-dered by the Officers for their respective  
Departments are as follows Viz

By C. D. Munson Assayer

For Salary of Assayer \$1,800.00

" Wages of Assistants

and Laborer 6,240.00

" Acids, Charcoal, Lead,

Cupels glass ware Repairs 1,000.00

By Fred Eckfeldt Melter & Refiner

For Salary of Melter & Refiner 1,800.00

" Wages of Assistants 6,396.00

" Crucibles, Fluxes, Acids,

Fine Brick Mittens, Aprons

Repairs including Freight 7,000.00

" Charcoal 2,500.00

By Geo. W. McLane Coiner

For Salary of Coiner

1,800.00

\$ 28,536.00



to recommend the same to the Secretary  
of the Treasury, and aid us to secure  
from him a favorable recommendation  
to Congress. The Cost of living here is  
extremely high, Best day Board \$17<sup>50</sup>  
per week. An Ordinary Hotel Board & Room  
per week without fuel \$20<sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>. Coal is  
\$20 per Ton, Wood \$20 per Cord and  
every thing high in proportion, with  
an upward tendency, The fact is, Officers  
cannot <sup>live</sup> on their present Salaries, and  
have not done so for the past year,  
all of which is respectfully submitted  
To Hon  
James P. Ballack  
Director U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia

Yours Obedt Servt  
Geo. M. Lane  
Supt U. S. M. Mint



Prank January 2

\$ 28,536.00

By Geo. W. Lane Superintendent

For Salary of Superintendent \$ 2,000.00

" " " Three Clerks 5,600.00

" Wages " Two Watchmen 3,650.00

" " " Two Messengers 2,817.00

" " " One Carpenter 1,404.00

" " " One Laborer 1,248.00

" Fuel, Lights, Stationery,

Postage, Lumber Repairs 3,000.00

\$ 48,255.00

Total Forty eight thousand two  
hundred and fifty five dollars

### Abstract of Estimates

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks \$13,000.00

" Wages of Assistants & Workmen 21,755.00

" incidental and Contingent Expenses 13,500.00

\$ 48,255.00

Application will be made to the  
incoming Congress to raise the Salaries  
of the Officers of this Branch Mint as  
follows

To the Superintendent \$3,000 per annum

" " Assayer 2,500 " "

" " Coiner 2,500 " "

" " Melter & Refiner 2,500 " "

and we trust you will do us the justice



Annual Estimates

Br. Min't. Lanna

Fiscal year

Ending June 30. 66



Mint of the United States.  
Philadelphia 24<sup>th</sup> 1864.

New H. P. Secunder

Ex. Treasury

Sir,

I transmit herewith  
a copy of the estimates of Appropriations requi-  
red to be made for the support of the Mint, the  
Branch Mint, Denver, and Assay Office, New  
York, for the Fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1866.  
I forward this day to the Register of the Treasury.  
I also transmit certain papers exhibiting the  
grounds upon which the estimates are based.  
The estimates for the Mint of the United States, at  
Philadelphia, are in the aggregate \$10,000 greater  
than the amount appropriated for the current  
fiscal year. The appropriation was required for  
incidental & contingent expenses for the present  
fiscal year, an available balance of former  
appropriations having been on hand sufficient  
for our purposes. It is estimated that there will  
still be a balance of \$50,000 on hand at the close  
of the current fiscal year. As \$40,000 is the sum  
necessary for these expenses, an appropriation  
of \$10,000 is therefore asked for.  
The sums required under the other heads,  
are the same as were appropriated for the  
current fiscal year.  
The estimates of the Assay Office New York  
are in the aggregate \$23,200 greater than  
the amount appropriated for the Fiscal year  
ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1865. The reasons for this  
increase will be found set forth in the



letter from the Superintendent, a copy of which  
is enclosed herewith marked B.  
The estimates of the Branch Unit, San Francisco  
is the aggregate \$4666 greater than that  
appropriated for the present fiscal year, considering  
the high prices of everything in that City.  
I do not consider the amount asked for reasonable.  
I respectfully refer you to letter of the Superintendent,  
a copy of which is enclosed herewith  
marked C.

The estimates for the Branch Unit, San Francisco  
have not yet been received, owing no  
doubt to the interruption of the mails, as they  
were written for, some months since, and were  
sent on the 1<sup>st</sup> inst. With respect to this Branch  
we cannot well do here an estimate of appropriations required, until those prepared by the  
Superintendent are received. The rate of wages  
at that Institution has recently been the subject  
of correspondence with the Department, and  
until we are fully advised of the state of affairs  
at this Branch Unit, it will not be expedient  
to consider the amount which will probably be  
required. As soon as the expected papers from  
the Superintendent are received supplementary  
estimates will be presented.

The Salaries of the Officers and clerks of the Unit  
in Philadelphia, are less than those of any corresponding grade in any of our public institutions, while the responsibility is equal and  
in many cases greater. They have not been  
increased for thirty years, and have always  
been insufficient to meet the expenses incident



to the position held. At the time in consequence of the advanced price of the necessaries of life, all being more than doubled, the compensation of the officers fell far below their actual expenses, and as many of them are entirely dependant on their salaries, I have no hesitation in respectfully and earnestly recommending an increase, as follows.

|                 |        |            |        |
|-----------------|--------|------------|--------|
| Director        | \$3000 | Assay      | \$3000 |
| Treasurer       | 3000   | Chief Com. | 3000   |
| Master & Signer | 3000   | Engraver   | 2,500  |

Assistant Payee 2,250.

The Director's clerk, and two of the Treasurer's clerks now receiving \$1,800 to be raised to \$2,250, and the four Treasurer's clerks now receiving \$800 to be raised to \$900.

~~On inspection~~ approved & recommended by your Excellency, and I would respectfully ask your favorable consideration of the suggested increase, and its recommendation to Congress. Should this increase be granted, the amount required to be appropriated will be \$35,700 instead of \$26,400 now authorized by law.

I am Sir,

Very respectfully  
your obt. Servt.

Jas Pollock  
Director



Nov 22

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Hon S. R. Colby  
Register of the Treasury  
Sir

I received yesterday from the Superintendent of the Branch ~~Min. of the Treasury~~ <sup>Est.</sup> his estimates for that Branch for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1866: a copy of which I now enclose to you; and request that they may be substituted for those sent by me to the Dept.

Although the amount of these estimates is larger than that of the estimates already sent, yet, I am satisfied, on careful examination of these now submitted, that the sum required is not too large & will be necessary for the successful conduct of the Institution.

I have forwarded a copy of these estimates with a copy of the letter of the Superintendent explanatory, to the Hon. Sec. of the Treasury

Yours Very Respectfully  
J. W. Foster, Secy



Nov. 14<sup>th</sup> 4

Hon H. P. Henderson.

Dr. Treasury

Sir,

The estimates from the Superintendent of the Br. Mint at San Francisco not having been received, I herewith enclose estimates of appropriations which I think will be required for the support of that Institution in the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1855, a copy of which has this day been forwarded to the Register of the Treasury. The amount of the appropriations for salaries, being fixed by law is the same as last year, for wages of workmen, and accidental and contingent expenses, I have added forty (40) per cent to the amount appropriated for the current fiscal year.

In addition to the fact that there has always been a deficiency at that Branch, the Superintendent informs me that he has es-



tablished the maps of Western on a  
gold basis. As the price of gold has  
averaged fully 40% higher since the time  
when the estimates for the fiscal year  
ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1865 were prepared, I  
think the amount <sup>estimated</sup> for is not excessive.  
I think also that the amount estimated  
for incidental and contingent expenses,  
will be required, taking into consideration  
the high prices of every thing at that City,  
and that gold alone is the currency there.

Very respectfully  
J. A. Wood  
Director.



San Francisco

C. B. Colby Esq

Register of the Treasury  
Sir.

The estimates  
from the Dept. of the Cr. Mint at San  
Francisco Cal<sup>a</sup> not having been received  
I present herewith estimates of appropri-  
ations, which I have caused to be prepa-  
red, for the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>  
1846, a copy of the same has this day  
been enclosed to the Secretary of the Treas-  
ury, together with a statement of our proceeds  
upon which the estimates are based.

Very respectfully  
J. B. Colby  
Secy



Estimates of Appropriations required for the Breach Mint of  
the U. S. at San Francisco Cal<sup>a</sup>. for the fiscal year ending  
June 30<sup>th</sup> 1866.

## Heads of Appropriations.

Estimated appropriations required for the fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1866.

For Salaries,

Superintendent & Treasurer, at \$4500 each, Act July 3<sup>rd</sup> 1852, 10 Laws p. 11, Sec 2

9000

Assayer, Melt & Refiner, & Chemist at \$3000 each per same Act.

9000

Six clerks, 1 at \$2500 in annum, & 5 at \$2000 in annum, 10 Laws p. 11, Sec 338

12,500

30,500

30,500

act. and Act of August 1<sup>st</sup> 1854, and Act of August 1<sup>st</sup> 1854

249,270

249,270

178,050

For wages of men and boys, Refiners &c.

84,026

84,026

60,019

For essential operating with Refiners &c.



U.S. Mint General Correspondence

1866 / June 1867







U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1866 / JUNE

part 2







# UNITED STATES TREASURY.

No. 2566

I Certify, that

Philadelphia Dec 30 1866

Measure of M. J. M. M. M.  
this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States of  
Twenty Eight + 100  
Dollars, on account of Internal Revenue Tax for  
Salary & Wages & such as

for which I have signed triplicate receipts

\$38 100

S. J. Brown

Assistant Treasurer U.S.



June 28<sup>th</sup> 6

Mess. Scovill & Co.

Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sirs,

The former arrangement for payment of the three-cent blanks, the Director of the Mint says, cannot of course be entertained at present, on account of the very considerable change in the prices of nickel and other things that go to make up a price for the 3-ct. metal. You will recollect, our normal prices were for nickel \$1.50 in gold (the nickel @ 95% purity) - for copper 40 cts. paper, & for the blanks \$1.80 in paper. Now our normal price for nickel is \$1.35 for nickel of 95%. or, as our practice now is to estimate the nickel pure (i.e. @ 100%), \$1.42 in gold for pure nickel. Now it would be most favorable to you & it seems to me just, to allow the currency value of the blanks to be twice the same value of the metal, so as to embrace loss



and cost of manufacture, transportation, taxes,  
&c., &c. Assuming this basis the Director thinks  
that your account should run thus:

125 lb. Nickel, pure (@ 1.42 gold @ 1.53 paper)  $2.17\frac{1}{2}$  = 54.31

75 " Copper

@ .32 .24.00

.78.31

& hence the price of blanks = \$ 1.56 62

Say \$ 1.56  $\frac{1}{2}$  per lb.

Your bill would then be:

1331 lbs. 3-ct. blanks @ 1.56  $\frac{1}{2}$  = \$ 2083.01

Less freight, &c.

9.42

\$ 2073.59

Respectfully yours  
J. H. Booth



National  
**Mechanics Bank,**

95 DORCHESTER AVENUE.

Boston.

Boston, June 30 1864

Jas Pollock Esq

Director of U.S. Mint Phil<sup>a</sup>

Dear Sir:

On the 19<sup>th</sup>  
inst I enclosed to you a check No 2686  
signed by me on National Park Bank  
New York for \$100.00 for new five cent  
pieces to be forwarded to me by Express.  
The check was payable to the order  
of "Director of U.S. Mint", with a request  
that you would acknowledge the receipt  
of it; but we have not heard from  
you; was it received?

Yours truly,

Alvan Simonds (cash)

On the outside the letter was directed  
to "Director of United States Mint  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



Mechanics Hall,  
Bank  
Boston Mass

Ant Check for  
\$100 on 19<sup>th</sup> inst  
for 5 ct. comm.

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And by Circular.

Will be sent  
in one week

July 2, 1864



FREDERICK VOSE, President.

G. W. TILDEN, Cashier.

# Keene National Bank.

FORMERLY CHESHIRE COUNTY BANK

KEENE, N. H., June 29th 1866.

Car. J. Pollock  
Director U.S. Mint Phila.

Dear Sir

Your favor of \_\_\_\_\_ inst.,  
is received with inclosure.

Respectfully Yours,

G. W. Tilden Cashier

I enclose for

On the 11th inst I mailed a ch  
on National Park Bank N.Y. to  
your order for 100 Dols with  
an order for the new 5 cent coins  
to be forwarded in due course of  
time - I have received no acknowledgment  
of its receipt by you - Please  
advise me



Keene Natl Bk  
N. H.

Sent order on  
June 11 in \$100  
5 ct com'

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Ord. by Circular  
will be sent  
in ~~one~~ week

July 3, 1864



June 26<sup>th</sup> 6

Messrs. Benedict & Burnham & Co.

Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sirs.

According to the rates we  
now pay for nickel, & the rate we formerly es-  
tablished between the crude metals & the blanks,  
we think that your bill should be made out  
as follows: (Copper @ 32½)

886 lbs. 3-ct. blanks @ 1.57¼ = \$1393.23.

Less freight, &c.

7.46

\$1385.77

We now pay \$1.42 pr. lb. of pure nickel (of  
100 pts. fine), duty paid, & estimate the gold  
in current paper value.

I have forward duplicate receipted bills.

Respectfully yours.

J. H. Booth



June 26<sup>th</sup> 6

Mess. Holmes, Booth & Haydens,  
Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sirs,

We now pay \$1.42 (Gold)  
pr. lb. of pure nickel, estimated at current  
paper value. From this rate, & the rate we for-  
merly established between the values of the  
crude metals & finished blanks, we think that  
your bill should run as follows: (Copper = 32½)

1356 lbs. 3-ct. blanks @ 1.57½ = \$2132.31

Less freight, &c.

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
|  | 9.92      |
|  | <hr/>     |
|  | \$2122.39 |

Please forward duplicate receipted bills  
as formerly.

J. H. Booth



Warehouse Point Conn June 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

Mr James Pollock  
Philadelphia Penn  
Dr Sir

I will send by Adams  
Express Company to day three Boxes of old cents  
which I wish to have exchange for 5<sup>c</sup> cents  
metal which please return and oblige

Yours Truly  
Buckley P. Barber  
M.B.



Buckley P. Barber  
Warehouse Point  
Conn.

Will send old cents  
to be redeemed, or  
exchanged for 5 ct.  
coin.

And, will not  
be exchanged, as there  
is no law authorizing  
it

June 29. 1866



Mint of the U. S.

June 28. 1866

Mr. H. W. Smith

Dear Sir

Yours of the 26<sup>th</sup> inst has been rec'd. We do at the mint occasionally make an assay of gold and silver ores, when our assayers are not engaged otherwise, but do not permit it to interfere with our regular business.

We do not, & cannot assay all specimens offered — not one fifth part; and therefore reject a large number.

I know nothing of your specimen — did not see your wife, nor did our assayers see her, or hear of her being in the Mint. I referred your letter to Messrs Booth and Garnett, who are in no way connected with the Mint as assayers, & Mr. Booth informed me that a Mrs. Smith was referred to him, that he examined the specimen, and informed her the cost of assay would be \$10. &c



They are gentlemen of the highest  
character & scientific skill, & are  
constantly engaged in the assay of  
ores &c. Their certificate of assay would  
be unquestionable.

As your assay has not yet been  
completed, they decline to proceed with it;  
and as our assayers are overwhelmed  
with the regular assays, we cannot now  
undertake it. When we make an  
assay the charge is \$5. for each specimen  
assayed. Private assayers charge from \$10 to \$20

Very respectfully  
(Sig'd) Jas. Pollock  
Director

To Mr. Smith  
Georgetown D.C.  
Relatives to assay  
of gold & silver ore.

Smith's letter enclosed  
Came 25. / 1866



P.S.P.  
W.H.  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1868

Sir:

I enclose Transfer Check #524, on the  
Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. Philadelphia for  
\$1,000, for which please send me same amount in  
new five cent coin.

Very Respectfully,

E. C. Ginn  
Treasurer U.S.

James Pollock Esq.  
Director of the Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.



Am F. E. Spinner

Jun. 28/66

Washington D.C.

Order & draft for 5<sup>00</sup> com  
\$ 1000

June 28/66 R.D.

" 30/66 sent no

from \$ 1000

J. P.



Detroit June 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

Director of Mint  
Philadelphia

Sir

I have a lot of  
Gold. 25-oz. which has Irridium in from  
gold Pen grinding. The Gold is of Pen Gold.  
Will the Mint receive and part it for me.

Respectfully

L. H. Allison

If the gold certainly constitutes one half of the mass, I will  
undertake it at the rate of 25 cts. <sup>per</sup> oz. L.H.B. He will not  
undertake to restore the Irridium,



From J. A. Allison  
Detroit  
Mich.

gold + Iron ore.

June 30/66

Ans?



NATIONAL

## Bank of Chemung

Tracy Beadle, pres.

H. W. Beadle, cash.

Elmira, N.Y.

June 27 1866

J. A. Talbot Esq. Cashier

I have received with

enclosure as stated your favor of the \_\_\_\_\_ inst.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> inst I sent you I fr  
for \$500 on "Metropolitan Nat BK" New York  
for of Coin.

I have rec'd no ack'ge  
of said Ltr

Perhaps the Ltr should have  
been sent to Adams & Co?

Respectfully yours,

H. W. Beadle Cashier



Bank of Chemung  
Elmira  
N.Y.

5 ct coin ordered  
16<sup>th</sup> inst

Noted by Circulars.  
Will be sent in one or  
two weeks.

June 29. 1866



National Union Bank of Kinderhook.

Kinderhook, N.Y. June 27 1866

Wm James Pellock

Director U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

On the 5 inst ant  
I mailed you my Ltr to the Leather  
Manufacturers National Bank New  
York for One Hundred Dollars, with  
request, to forward to us by Express  
that amount in the new five cent coin  
as soon as issued, and our turn came,

I have had no acknowledgements  
after the recpt of my ltr with the Ltr.

Was it recd? and can you say  
about when we may expect the  
Coin?

Very Respectfully Yrs

W. H. Rainey

Cash



National Union Bank  
Kinderhook  
N.Y.

5 ct. order for \$100  
sent. June 5<sup>th</sup>

Ans'd, will be filled  
in a few days.

June 28. 1864



W. C. C. C. C.  
JOEL ADAMS, President.  
A. S. TYLER, Cashier.

CAPITAL, \$100,000.

# PRESCOTT BANK.

Lowell, Jan 27<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Gas. Follen & Co.,

Deutors U. S. Mint

Pha.

Dear Sir,

On the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.  
I sent a check to you for \$100.-  
to be returned to us in the new 5<sup>¢</sup> coin  
of the United States. - Since then we  
have heard nothing from you, -  
has the check been cashed? - or if so  
when shall we expect the coin.

Respy Yours

Wm. C. C. C.  
Cash



A. S. Tyler

Cashr. Prescott Bk.

Lowell Mass.

5 ct. coin ordered on  
the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

Ordered by circular  
will be sent in 1 or

2 weeks.

June 29. 1864



# Exchange Bank of Darling & Co.

Fond du Lac, Wis. June 27<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Director U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir

Your favor of the

has been received

I enclose for you would wish to know  
on what conditions can we  
send you dimes quarters and  
half dollars in silver and  
have them coined into American  
Silver dollars please answer

Yours Truly  
K.A. Darling & Co.  
per A. Martin,



From

R A Darling Esq  
Cash

Fond du Lac. Wis

old silver coins & Am-  
erican dollars in return  
for

And of Circular.

No American coins set  
for re-coining unless coined  
prior to 1853.

July 2<sup>d</sup> 66 P



F. HINDS, Pres<sup>t</sup>

Capital \$150,000.

H.M. KINGMAN, Cash<sup>r</sup>

# THE First National Bank of Dubuque

Designated Depository and Financial Agent of the United States.

Dubuque, Iowa June 26 1866  
Director U.S. Mint  
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir.

On 5<sup>th</sup>

June I wrote you enclosing draft on N.Y.  
\$200 for new 5c coin.

I ordered \$225 sent us and \$25 to Mess  
Gardner & Wales Monticello Iowa.

If inconvenient so to do you may send  
all to us.

When can I expect it.

Yours Respy  
H.M. Kingman (C)

June 26/66 sent by Ex. in full



1<sup>st</sup> Natl. Bank  
Dubuque

Iowa  
5 ct. coin ordered  
June 5<sup>th</sup>

Ans'd. Coin sent  
June 26. 1866

June 29/66



Office of the  
Germania Life Insurance Company  
No 90 Broadway,

New York, June 26/1866

Saml Pollock Esq  
Director W. S. W. W. W.

Philadelphia, Pa  
Dear Sir

Will you  
please inform us whether the new  
5<sup>ct</sup> Coins are ready for delivery  
and if so what amount is contained  
in each bag.

I would like to  
get a bag and if you will please  
give the above information, will  
remit the amt.

Respy Yrs  
Charles Lorenz  
Cash.



Germania Life  
Insurance Co.  
90 Broadway  
N.Y.

In relation to  
5 ct. piece.

Amnd. by Circular

June 27. 1866



Washington Dc  
June 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

Gov. Mint Phila

We have accu-  
mulated in our business between  
two (2) & Three (3) hundred dollars  
in Copper (Mostly the new issue)  
which we cannot dispose of  
in this city without too much loss.  
What can you do with them, can  
you give us the new five cent  
pieces for them, Greenbacks or  
anything else. Please let us know  
& oblige

H. S. Taylor & Co  
No 360 - 7th St North  
Washington Dc



From  
H. L. Taylor & Co  
Washington  
D.C.

Redemption of  
cents.

Ans'd. Cannot  
be redeemed

June 28. 1861



Georgetown

District of Columbia

June 26. 1866

Hon James Pollock

Director of the U.S Mint

Esteemed Sir

My wife visited Philadelphia a few days ago, and I sent with her a specimen of quartz with ore in, that I lately found in Mont-gomery co Maryland, where I have opened a large shaft, and the ore is developed in abundance - The reason I sent to the Mint, was that my neighbors



had informed me that  
they had assays made  
at the Mint for \$5, and  
the Mint would cheerfully  
give the proper informa-  
-tion required - but in-  
-stead of that I have  
received the enclosed  
Bill for \$10 - done by  
some company outside  
of the Mint, and I have  
deemed it proper to  
inquire of you, whether  
my business for an assay  
asked of the Mint was  
done outside, and not  
in the Mint as I wished  
Will you oblige me with  
an answer by return  
Mail, as I have full



confidence in your  
Direction, being ac-  
quainted with you  
when Gov. of Penn<sup>a</sup>,  
and I want no outside  
assays - more especially  
as I do not understand  
the meaning of this -

Very Respectfully  
Yrs -  
J. M. Smith -



From H. W. Smith  
Georgetown  
D.C.

Concerning ores sent  
for assay &c. Messrs  
Booth & Garrett.

June 28/66..

Answered. See answer  
written.



Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, June 26<sup>th</sup> 1866

Robt Haydock Esq  
Sir,

I have to inform you  
the permission has been rec'd  
to enter free of duty the follow-  
ing viz, Four cases Nickel marks  
R Haydock U.S. Mint Nos 25 to  
28, imported per Steamer <sup>City of</sup> ~~Virginia~~  
<sup>London</sup> ~~Virginia~~, Also four cases Nickel  
marked as the above Nos 29 to  
32, imported per Steamer Vir-  
ginia, The Collector of the  
Port of New York has been  
instructed accordingly,

You will please forward  
the above as soon as possible,

Yours truly  
Jas Pollock  
Director



To

R. Haydock  
10, Liberty St  
N.Y.

Informing him of  
permission being granted  
to admit free  
of duty 8 cases nickel  
shipped for use of  
U.S. Mint, and the  
Collector of the Port  
of N. Y. has been  
instructed according  
ly

June 26. 1866



JAMES H. SMITH, PRESIDENT.  
WARREN NEWTON, CASHIER.

# The National Bank of Norwich.

Norwich, N. Y., June 26 1866

Hon James Pollock ~~Esquire~~

Director of US Mint

Sir

I wish some  
of the 5 cent pieces issued under the last act of  
Congress. How shall I obtain them?

Respectfully Yours

Warren Newton Cashier



Warren Newton  
Cashier Bank  
of Norwich  
N.Y.

In relation to 5  
cent piece.

and by Circular

June 28. 1866



Louisville Ky 1866  
James Pollock Esqr. June 25th  
Director of the mint Phil<sup>a</sup>  
Sir.

On the 13th. inst. we sent you  
O.K. on Natl. Bnk. Commerce N. Yk.  
for \$50 asking you to transmit to us  
that amt. in the new 5<sup>t</sup> Coin.

We are without the Coin or acknowl-  
edgment of the remittance. Please  
advise us in relation to it.

Yours Respectly.  
A. B. Kellogg



W. B. Belknap & Co  
Lansville  
Ky.

5 ct. corn ordered on  
the 13<sup>th</sup> inst.

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and by Circular

June 28. 1866



Oshkosh Wis

June 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

James Pollock Esq

Dear Sir

Please inform us if the  
new Five Cent Coin is  
ready to be supplied  
and oblige

Yours Truly

Wm Key Bro & Folds

Pr Rbt W. Furdy



McKee Bros & Co  
AshKosch

Wis.

In relation to 5  
cent coin

Ans'd. by Circular

June 28. 1866



Oberlin College,  
OBERLIN, OHIO.

Treasurer's Office, June 23 1866

Director of U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

Will you please inform  
me how I can get some of  
the new 5 ct pieces. What  
amount will it be necessary  
to send for? and will a  
National Bk Ltr on New  
York do? What will be the  
Expenses of the return express?

Yours George Kimrey  
Pres.



Geo Kenney  
Supt. Oberlin College  
Oberlin O.

5 ct. corns how  
and so

Ans 2 by circular  
June 26/1861



Office of Collector of Internal Revenue,  
SECOND DISTRICT OF OHIO.

Cincinnati, 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1866

Sir;

On the 18<sup>th</sup> instant I sent you by Adams Express Company, One hundred dollars, with an order for pennies, three and five cent pieces.

Today I received from you a sack containing thirty dollars in three cent pieces, ten dollars in two cent pieces and ten dollars in pennies, making a total of fifty (50.) dollars. Will you be kind enough to advise me what you intend sending me for the remaining fifty dollars?

Director  
W. S. Mint  
Philadelphia

Very respectfully  
A. M. W. Taylor  
Colly 2<sup>d</sup> Dist. Ohio  
R. D. O. McCreedy



From

R. H. W. Taylor  
Collector 2<sup>d</sup> District  
Ohio

In reference to \$100.  
order for small corn  
sent June 18<sup>th</sup>.

Recd \$50 in 1-2-3-  
desires to know what  
the balance will  
be sent in

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Ans'd June 26. 1866-

The balance or \$50  
to be sent in 5<sup>th</sup> corn  
within a few days



Treasury Department,

June 22<sup>d</sup>, 1866.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 21<sup>st</sup> inst, to the Secretary, requesting the admission, free of duties and charges, of four cases of Nickel, marked R. Haydock W. & Wink Nos 25 to 28 imported per Steamer "City of London" — also four cases of Nickel marked R. Haydock W. & Wink. Nos 29 to 32 imported per Steamer "Virginia".

imported for the use of the W. & Wink, at Philadelphia Pa. in the as above at the port of New York, from \_\_\_\_\_

The Collector of Customs at that port has been instructed accordingly.

I am, very respectfully,

J. A. Hartley

Asst Secretary of the Treasury.

James Pollock Esq  
Director U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia Pa.



From  
Asst. Secy of  
Treasury

Granting permission  
to enter free of  
duty & cases trucked  
shipped for use  
of U. S. Mint

June 26. 1866



Mint of the U.S.

June 23. 1866

Hon. F. E. Spinner

Treas. U. S.

Sir

In answer  
to your communication of the  
22<sup>nd</sup> inst. I forward to you  
the enclosed circular. To avoid  
a complication of the accounts  
of the Treasurer of the Mint,  
"Certificates of deposit" issued for  
money credited into the general  
Treasury have not been received  
in payment for our small  
coins, and are therefore omitted  
in the general circular

Very respectfully  
(Sigs) Jas Pollock  
Director



To  
Hon F. E. Spinner  
Treas. U. S.

In answer to  
his letter of 22<sup>nd</sup>  
inst. in reference  
to small coin, the  
terms upon which  
it <sup>is</sup> issued &c.

Enclosing general  
circular

June 23. 1866



Treasury of the United States,

Cash Division

Washington.

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Can be received by you in payment,  
Very Respectfully  
Your Obt. Servt.

*W. A. R. Munn*  
Treasurer.

James Falkner Esq.  
Director of Mint  
Philadelphia  
Pa.



From  
Hon. F. E. Spinner  
Treas. U. S.

In reference to  
small coins, the  
best mode of  
supplying Natl.  
Banks &c. the terms  
upon which it is  
issued.

Answered June 23<sup>d</sup> —  
& Circular sent  
giving full information.

June 23 1861



P.W.

Treasury of the United States.  
Cash Division

Washington, June 22 1866.

Sir

The Department having discontinued the issue of all paper Currency below the denomination of Ten Cents, the question arises as to the best mode of supplying National Banks and other Institutions with the One, Two, Three & Five Cent Coins

Will you therefore please inform me upon what terms you can issue these Coins; stating the smallest amount you will issue; and whether you will receive in payment Checks on Banks in New York and Philadelphia; also if Certificates of deposit issued for money credited into the General Treasury



Hon J. E. Spencer

Wash. D. C.

Sir:

In answer to your communication of the 22<sup>d</sup> inst I forward to you the enclosed Circular. To avoid a complication of the accounts of the Treasurer of the Post, certificates of deposits issued for money credited into the general Treasury have not been set on payment for small coins: <sup>are</sup> therefore ~~they are~~ omitted in the general Circular.

Yours by Reply  
J. P. Bir



P. C. Millersburg Dauphin Co. Pa.  
June 22<sup>nd</sup> / 66

Hon Jas Pollock

Dear Sir - do you at  
the Mint: exchange new for  
depreciated Postal, and fractional  
currency?

Very Respectfully  
Yours

P. C. Steever

Dep. Q. M.

no, but the Apr Treasury of  
the U. S. does. Ad dyp  
N. B. Brown Esq. Apr. Sec. U.  
S. Phila on the subject.

Y<sup>o</sup>



Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, June 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

B. G. Storer Esq  
Millersburg Pa  
Sir,

In reply to your letter  
of the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. I have to  
inform you that we do  
not exchange new for  
old U. S. Currency at the  
Mint. That is done by the  
Dep<sup>y</sup> Treas of the U. S. Mr  
N. B. Brown, at Phila.  
Address him on the subject.

Yours truly,  
Jas Pollock  
Director  
per W. H.



From & To

B. G. Stever. Pm  
Millersburg Pa

In regard to ex-  
changing old for  
new fractional cur-  
rency,

Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 66



Treasury Department.

June 21<sup>st</sup> 1866.

Dear Sir

I will thank you to  
send to my address a pamphlet-  
copy of your regulations for the  
transaction of business & also if  
possible copies of your report for  
the past three years.

I expect to go to San Francisco  
leaving New York on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Very truly

Wm. D. Kelley

Wm. D. Kelley



From

Mr. Jay Knox Esq

Treasury Dept.

Washington

D.C.

asking copy of printed  
Instructions & Report for  
past three years.

June 22<sup>d</sup> 1866.



Shauck's O. June 21. 1866

Mr James Pollock

Dr Sir

Will you please inform us in  
what Amount in how small  
Gampst you can send us  
39 piece 29 piece & 1 piece  
And Oblige you

Hasler Morgan & Co



From  
Kasler, Morgan & Rice  
Shank<sup>s</sup>  
Ohio

Asking in how  
small quantities  
small coin  
will be sent.

Ans'd. by Cranston  
June 24 1865



*Booth & Garrett,*

LABORATORY,

*College Avenue 10<sup>th</sup> St. above Chestnut Philad.<sup>a</sup>*

*For Analyses of Ores &c, Instruction in Practical*

*Chemistry, Mineralogy and Analysis; and*

*Consultation on Chemical questions.*

JAS. C. BOOTH.

THOS. H. GARRETT.



or address

James C. Booth

U.S. Mint

Phila



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JAMES C. BOOTH,  
THOMAS H. GARRETT.

Philadelphia, June 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

Mr H. W. Smith

To Booth & Garrett

Dr

To assay of Pyritous ore from }  
Montgomery Co. Md. }

\$ 10.00

Rec<sup>d</sup> Payment



Mint of the U. States

Phila. June 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch

Secty. of the Treasury

Sir

I have to request that the Collector of Port of New York, be instructed to admit free of duty the following, shipped for the use of the U. S. Mint, viz:  
Four (4) Cases Nickel marked R. Haydock U. S. Mint, Nos. 25 to 28.

Imported per Str. "City of London"  
Bill of Lading dated Nov. 7. 1865  
Four (4) Cases Nickel marked R Haydock. U. S. Mint. Nos. 29 to 32.

Imported per Steamer "Virginia",  
Bill of Lading dated Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> 1865.

Very respectfully

(Sgd) Jas Pollock

Dr.



To  
Secty Treasury  
Requesting him to  
direct Collector of  
Port of N. York  
to admit free of  
duty & Cases of  
Nickel, shipped  
for use of U.S.  
Mint

June 21. 1866



*A.H.*  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington June 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 14<sup>th</sup> instant.  
I have also received, per Adams Express Company,  
the \$1,000 in new five cent coin, shipment of which  
was advised therein.

Very Respectfully,

*A. A. Johnson*  
Treasurer

James Pollock Esq.  
Director of the Mint,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



Hon J. E. Spinner  
Sec Treasr U. States.  
Acknowledging receipt  
of \$1000, in 5ct. coin &c.

June 20<sup>th</sup> 1866.  
"



Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia June 18<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Hon J. E. Spinner  
Treas. of the U. S.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.  
enclosing draft on the Asst Treas. of the U. S. at  
Philad<sup>a</sup>, <sup>\$1000 for</sup> for 5 ct. coin, has been rec'd. The  
coin has been forwarded to you this day per. Express.  
Yours Respectfully,

Director.



To Hon F. E. Spinner  
Treas. of the U. S at  
Washington, acknowl-  
edging rec't of draft  
for \$100, for 5 cr. coin &  
informing him of the  
forwarding of coin.

June 18<sup>th</sup> 1866,  
—



3  
C.H.  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington June 16 1868

Sir:

I hand you herewith my Transfer Check  
#516 on the Assistant Treasurer U.S., Phila.  
for \$1.000, in return for which please send me  
same amount in the new five cent coin.

Very Respectfully,

*E. S. Johnson*  
Treasurer

James Pollock Esq.

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pa.



From Hon J. E. Spinner, Treas.  
U. S. Washington, D.C. enclosing  
draft on the Asst. Treas. of the  
U. S. at Phil<sup>a</sup>. for \$1000, for  
5ct. coin. Coin sent +  
letter answered

June 18<sup>th</sup> 1866,  
H

(See reply within)



Note:

Two drafts of \$50. each, or  
1000 pieces of the 5 cent coin, weighed  
each oz. 161.03 The legal weight  
is oz. 160.75, showing an excess, over  
the legal weight of  $\frac{28}{100}$  of an ounce,  
or  $134\frac{4}{10}$  grains. The average excess  
on each single piece is therefore  
~~basely slightly over~~  $\frac{1}{10}$  of a grain  
almost exactly  $\frac{1}{10}$  of the

June 14/66



From

Robt. Patterson

Man. C. Clerk.

On weight of the 5 & corn.

June 14/66



Shenandoah Valley National Bank  
Winchester June 12. 1866

Hon James Pollock.

Director of U.S. Mint. Phil<sup>a</sup>

Dear Sir

In the transportation  
in 1863 on the Danville R. Road  
in this State of a large amount  
of coin belonging to the Bank  
of the Valley the Car in which  
it was transported and was  
entirely consumed. Nothing  
remains but of \$70,000 of the coin  
Gold and Silver which was  
gathered up and is now in  
my possession as Treasurer of  
that Bank.

I wish now to make it  
available in the liquidation  
of the debts of that Bank and



would be request the favour of  
you to inform me whether  
if I send it to the Agent it can  
be apayed and recoined and  
what the probable charge  
will be.

You will confer an additional  
favor by adding in your reply  
any advice or instructions  
you may deem necessary  
touching the subject

Very respectfully  
Yours Ob. Servt  
H. M. Bunt.  
Trustee of the Bank of the Valley



From

A M. Brent,  
Trustee of the Bank of  
the Valley. Winchester  
Va.

June 15/66  
Ans. by Circular.



U.S. Mint

Philadelphia. June 13/66

Isaac Green Esq.

Tioli, Lycoming Co.

Penna.

Sir

Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst. received.  
The Indians' story is a fabrication  
We know from the nature of the  
Country, that there is no silver  
ore in that section, neither  
can we give any instructions  
in regard to finding it

Very respectfully

(Sgd)

James Pollock  
Director



To  
Isaac Green  
Trevoli  
Lycoming Co  
Pa.

Relative to silver  
ore in that  
Section —

Letter from Green  
Enclosed, asking  
how to find it

June 13. 1864



By  
Tirol June the 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

Mr James Pollock

Sir

Mr Abel Clark Saw four  
Indians near his place last  
week they was loaded with  
silver ore he requested them  
to tell him where it was  
they said they would tell  
him within sixty rod we can  
find the place but not the  
ore if you can instruct us  
how to find it or send a  
man I think it will pay to  
look after it please let  
me know by return mail  
and oblige yours

Isiah Green  
By  
Tirol

Lycorning County  
Penn



There is also Lead here but  
the man is Dead that  
found it and it cant be  
found again his Boys has  
been with him to it but  
they cannot find the place  
again Yours with respect

J. Green



Treasury Department,

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 1866.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., to the Secretary, requesting the admission, free of duties and charges, of Four (4) cases of Nickel, marked R. Haydock W. S. Mint, Nos 21 to 24

imported for the use of the W. S. Mint at Philadelphia, Pa in the Steamer "Virginia" at the port of New York, from \_\_\_\_\_

The Collector of Customs at that port has been instructed accordingly.

I am, very respectfully,

J. K. Bailey

Asst. Secretary of the Treasury.

James Pollock Esq:

Director W. S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.



From

Secty. Treasury

Granting permission  
to Enter free of duty  
4 Cases of Nickel  
at New York

June 11. 1866



- Copy -

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia June 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch  
Secy of the Treasury  
Sir

I have to request  
that the Collector of the Port of New  
York be instructed to admit free  
of duty the following shipped for  
the use of the U. S. Mint, viz -  
4 Cases Nickel marked R. Haydock  
U. S. Mint. Nos. 21 to 24 Imported  
per Steamer Virginia. Bill of Lading  
dated October 24, 1865

Very respectfully

(Sgd) Gust Pollock

Director

Mem -

Robert Haydock

101 Liberty St

N.Y.



To H  
Secty Treasury  
Requesting him  
to instruct the  
Collector of Port  
of N. York to admit  
free of duty the  
cases of nickel  
shipped for  
use of U.S. mint  
Letter of Jos. Marton  
Enclosed

June 9. 1866



Camden June 8 1866

Prof James C Doord

Dear Sir

I have your favor of today  
and now inform you that 4 cases of  
mildred marked R Hazards & I think  
Nov. 21 to 24 imported from Steamer  
Virginia ( B of dated Oct 24 1865 )  
are now in New York at your disposal

It will probably save a day, if upon  
receiving notice that the order to pass  
them has gone forward you should write  
to that effect direct to Robert Hazards  
101 Liberty St New York, to whom I shall  
write to day to forward the stuff immediately  
upon receiving such intelligence Tomorrow  
I must be out of town, but shall try to see you  
on Sunday Yours truly Joseph Warton





Aaron Benedict, President.

Chas. Benedict, Secy & Treasr.

OFFICE OF THE

Benedict & Burnham Mfg Co.

Waterbury, Conn June 27 1866

Prof J. C. Booth.

Excellent Phila  
Dear Sir

We receive Duplicate of

of the 1864 Planks as per your letter just recd. are  
awaiting further communication.

Very truly Yours  
Chas Benedict



Waterbury June 17 1866

Prof I C Booth

Dear Sir

Below we send

Your Memorandum Wright of 1 Small Box  
+ two cash, three Cent blanks shipped  
the N York Mint this day in compliance  
with your order of the 8th insto — The weight  
of cress the amt you named a little but  
having the small & up on hand, thought you  
might not object to taking the whole —  
We send the price to be made for them as you  
may think right without regard to former  
transactions & feel much obliged for the order  
as we had them on hand —

With great respect

We remain Yours &c

Hobbs & Booth Stationers

per J Hobbs



Memorandum of One Box & two Casks  
3 Cent Blanks shipped the M S State  
Mint June 12 1866 by Hobbs, Booth & Hayden

1 Small Box #1

111<sup>lbs</sup>

1 Cask #2

602<sup>1/2</sup>

1 " #3

642<sup>1/2</sup>

1356<sup>lbs</sup>



Office of the Scovill Manuf'g Co.

Waterbury, Conn. June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Prof. J. C. Booth

Dear Sir:

Yours of the 21<sup>st</sup> received. The settlement as you propose will be quite-satisfactory to us under the circumstances.

Yours truly  
C. P. Grosbeck



Office of the Port Richmond Iron Works.

I. P. MORRIS, TOWNE & CO.

Isaac P. Morris,  
Lewis Taws,  
John J. Thompson,  
John H. Towne.

Philadelphia, June 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

James C. Booth  
M + R. N.S. Mint

The cost of making a Separator  
same as last drawings made by us for Mr Kent  
will be \$750. — This is merely the  
cost of doing the work and does not cover  
any charge that Mr Kent may make for use of his  
patent —

We regret extremely the delay in sending this  
which arose from an oversight of the writer

Yours truly

I. P. Morris, Towne & Co



Office of the Port Richmond Iron Works.

I. P. MORRIS, TOWNE & CO.

Isaac P. Morris,  
Lewis Taws,  
John J. Thompson,  
John H. Towne.

Philadelphia, June 20<sup>th</sup> 1866

James C. Booth  
U.S. Mint

We are in receipt of  
Your favor of yesterday and note its contents.  
We do not think the cost of entering the  
amalgamator at the mint will be more  
than Fifty Dollars - exclusive of any  
Carpenter or mason work -

Yours truly  
I. P. Morris, Towne & Co.



Office of the Port Richmond Iron Works.

I. P. MORRIS, TOWNE & CO.

Isaac P. Morris,  
Lewis Taws,  
John J. Thompson,  
John H. Towne.

Philadelphia, Jan 25 1866

James C. Booth  
Minting & Refining Dept-  
U.S. Mint

We have your favor  
of 21<sup>st</sup> inst ordering a separator & amalgamator  
which shall be made without delay  
Yours truly,  
I. P. Morris, Towne & Co



OFFICE OF THE

Benedict & Burnham Mfg Co.

Waterbury, Conn June 13, 1866

Prof. J. C. Booth  
W. S. Elliot. Phil<sup>a</sup>.

Dear Sir

We forward in conformity  
with your 9<sup>th</sup> 886 of 3<sup>d</sup> class as per letter.  
Enclosed. We also send the samples of the Metal  
for assay. We would like some of the 3<sup>d</sup> coin if you  
have them ready at an early day.

Yours  
Chas Burnham



Office of Maryland Kaolin Company of  
Baltimore and Cecil County,

57 Second Street.

Baltimore, June 12<sup>th</sup> - 1866.

Genl. C. Booth Esq,  
U. S. Mint, a  
Phil -

Dear Sir,

Your valued favor  
of 7<sup>th</sup> Inst. is to hand. I have ship<sup>d</sup> you  
200 Fire Brick - viz

100. No 1. & 100. No 2 - & 1 Blk of Cement.

The No 2. Brick I light red. large brick I please put  
up as high as the coal & cinders lay. & sides of  
grate, finish up with the No 1. white fire brick

The Cement we send, needs nothing but water  
sufficient to make it plastic. - -

We will thank you, after  
trial. To give us result of your experiment -  
In the meantime remain  
Yours very truly  
J. de Murguiondo  
Secy.





Samuel Benedict, President.

Chas. Benedict, Secy & Treas.

OFFICE OF THE

Benedict & Burnham Mfg Co  
Waterbury, Conn. June 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

Ja<sup>cs</sup> C. Booth Esq

Dear Sir

We have your favor  
of the 4<sup>th</sup> Inst and in reply would say that  
we will receive 3 ct. 5 ct or US Notes in payment  
In 3 ct blanks which we have on hand to the amt  
of 1000<sup>th</sup> now or lps. the denomination and proportion  
of the same to be at your option. Hoping that you  
will be as liberal with us in the proportion as  
you can and awaiting your further orders  
remain

Very Truly Yours  
Chas Dickinson Secy



Watertown June 6 1866  
Prof I C Booth

Dear Sir

Your favor of

June 4th is at hand

We have some 1200<sup>00</sup>  
to 1400<sup>00</sup> of the 3 cent Plancks on hand for  
which we will receive either 3 or 5 cent  
coin or N State Notes as will suit your  
convenience. They are a part & identical  
with the last lot we sent the mint  
having been cast some & cut out with that  
lot.

We wrote you yesterday  
making some inquiry about the new  
5 cent coin which we see has been  
authorized by Congress.

Respectfully Yours  
Holmes Prooth & Hayden  
per J Holmes



Watbury June 5 1866  
Prof J C Spott  
Dear Sir

We notice that Congress has authorized the making of five cent coin & suppose the Mint has abundant facilities for supplying the demand, but should you need outside help should be greatly pleased to be permitted to assist.

It is our impression should the Government withdraw their annoying circulation of the smaller denominations a very heavy demand for the coin both for the 5 & 3 cent denominations would immediately follow & be received by the people as a very desirable & popular change.

The constant mutilation & the large proportion of counterfeits mixed with the fractional circulation makes it disgustingly hateful & inconvenient & both Government & people would be large gainers by the change.

Respectfully Yours  
Hobbs Spott & Haynes  
for J C Spott



Office of the Scovill Manuf'g Co.

Waterbury, Conn. June 4<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Prof. C. Booth

Dr Sir

Yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst received. We will accept of your proposition to take the 3<sup>d</sup> Blanks wh. we have on hand and to receive in payment for the same "3<sup>d</sup>, 5<sup>d</sup>, or U.S. notes the denomination proportion of the same to be at your option." Awaiting yr. reply

Yours Respy  
Scovill Mfg Co  
By C. P. Goss Secy



Mutter & Refiner's Correspondence.

June, 1866



From

Rutland, Co. Nat  
Bank "vt. enclosing  
Cer. of Deposits to the Cr.  
of the Treasurer of the  
U States for \$500 for '5"  
at Corn &c.

June 7. 1866. Cer returned  
with request to forward  
chapt. & payable to order  
of Dir. or Treasurer of the  
U S Mint.

(See reply with the

June 7. 1866



Government Agency and Designated Depository of the United States.

WM Y. RIPLEY, PRESIDENT.

# Rutland County National Bank.

JAMES MERRELL, CASHIER.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL  
\$ 500,000.

Rutland, Vt. June 8 1866

CASH CAPITAL  
\$ 200,000.

Wm James Pollock Esq. Cashier,

Director of the Mint Dear Sir,

Philadelphia, Pa

Your favor of the 22nd  
is received with \_\_\_\_\_ stated inclosures.

Very respectfully

Please collect for our account *James Merrell* Cashier?

W. H. Dep't No 88. Credit. Please W. H. Dep't for \$500.  
for which forward to us \$500 of the "new  
five cent coin".



June 7<sup>th</sup>

6.

Ja<sup>s</sup>. Merrell Esq.

Cashr. Rutland Co. Nat. Bk.

Sir.

Yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst, enclosing the Cer. of deposit, to the credit of the Treas. of the U. S. for \$500, for the new 5ct. coin; has been received. As all moneys paid for the 5ct. coin, must pass thro the Treasury of the Mint, & as there is no way by which the amount of the now returned certificate can be realized by the Treasurer of the Mint without a very great complication of accounts, your Certificate is now returned with request to forward a draft on any Nat. Bank, or Cer. of Deposit, to the order of the Director or Treasurer of the U. S. Mint; or if preferred, payable to the order of Adams Ex. Co. thro which all our coin is distributed.

Very Truly Yours

Ja<sup>s</sup>. Pollock

Director. J. C. F.



Orig

4,712.00  
11 409.03  
50 000  
2 000  
4 000  
1 50  
675  
72  
242.50

012. \$ 74,260.53

Cont. 25,470

16.500

221.91

16,721.71

25.470

42,191.71

716.09

\$ 242,907.80

Cont. 242,907.80 012.

San Francisco

5,000.00 44  
2,500  
53  
1,553 44

Denver

1370.88

Food + Am.

1,162.00

275.000

130.000

13.360

419,522.00

Sch.

292.59

38.696.00

489.21

\$ 39,467.78

39,467.78 Sch.



To

Hendricks Brothers  
N. York.  
Stating condition of  
one case of Nickel ore,  
from them. bad &c.

June 7. 1866.



U. S. Mint

Ph<sup>on</sup> June 7<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Messrs Hendricks Bros.

Gents.

We rec'd by Express from you a few days ago, one case of Nickel (224 bbls) for trial &c. The assay shewed only 90 per ct. Nickel to the pound; and on trial by melting + rolling, alloyed in the usual manner with copper, it was so hard + brittle that we could do nothing with it. Prof. Booth + the Assayers say that it contains arsenic which must be removed by fluxing before it can be used for coinage. We will do the best we can with it, but the expense of refining will greatly reduce the price. It will not answer our purposes.

Very Truly Yours.

Genl Pollock.

Director.

per

J. C. F.



Treasury Department.

June 2 1866

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith  
\$5. for which please send me  
through the mail of the Capt. Lucas -  
One hundred of the first coins  
(new 5-cent-) ready for delivery  
and oblige,

Yours Very truly

Geo. Jay Knapp

Hon. Jas Pollock

Director of the Mint



From

Jno. J. Knox.  
Washington  
D.C.

Order for 100 new 5 ct coins

June 7. 1866. Sent  
as requested

JJ



Copy, U. S. Mint

June 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch,

Secy of the Treasury

Sir,

Pursuant to law and the regulations of the Dpt, I made examination, at the close of business, yesterday the 31<sup>st</sup> Ult. of the books, accounts and monies on hand in the offices of the Asst Treasurer of the U.S. at Phila, and found a balance of \$20,704,154<sup>11</sup>, which corresponds with his statement of account for that day,

In the fore going the following was counted as cash, viz:

Certificates of Temporary Loan \$5,308,401.40,

Yours Respectfully  
J. A. Pollock  
Director



To  
Secty. Treasury  
Examination of  
books accounts  
and monies on  
hand in office  
of Asst. Treas.  
U.S. Philada.  
for month of  
May 1866

June 1. 1866

June 1866.



Copy, U. S. Mint

June 1<sup>st</sup>, 64

Hon Hugh McCulloch,  
Secy of the Treasury,  
Sir,

The usual monthly count  
and examination made, at the close of bu-  
siness, yesterday the 31<sup>st</sup> Ult. exhibited the fol-  
lowing balance in the hands of the Treas  
of the mint viz.

|                     |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| In Gold             | \$ 419,522.00 |
| " Silver            | 39,467.78     |
| Ordinary a/c        | 14,265.53     |
| Cent "              | 242,907.85    |
| Br Mr San Francisco | 7,553.44      |
| " " Denver          | 1,370.88      |

Total, \$785,082.43

corresponding with the balance as stated  
on that Officers books of a/c,

Examination was at the same time made  
into the <sup>general</sup> condition and working of the  
Mint and it was ascertained that the business  
of the Institution was conducted in a careful &  
satisfactory manner, by Respty. Jas. Pollock Director



To  
Lecty Treasry.

Monthly Count  
and Examination  
for May 1866

June 1. 1866



Exchange & Banking House,  
OF  
Allis, Waters & Co.

55 & 57 BUFFALO ST.

Rochester, N.Y. June 1, 1866

To the  
Director of the  
U.S. Mint  
Phil<sup>a</sup>. Lewis

Sir

We wish for some  
of the new 5¢ Coin. Can we  
permit to you say \$50. in U.S.  
Greenbacks & receive the coins from  
the mint at par free of Express  
charges, same as you deliver  
the 1¢ & 2¢ coin?

The Specie brokers in N.Y. are  
sending out their circulars  
that <sup>they</sup> will deliver the coin at 10 per  
cent premium. We don't think they  
should be supplied for such  
purpose of Speculation, in prefe-  
rence to those who want the coin for  
ordinary payments only.

Yr Obedt Servt

Allis, Waters & Co.

How soon could our order be supplied?



From

Allis. Watters & Co  
Rockefeller

N. Y.

asking when & how  
the 5<sup>th</sup> coin will be issued  
etc.

June 14/66. Ans.

by Circular in same  
manner as the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> &  
3<sup>d</sup> are now issued & no  
comment.

J.P.



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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1866/JULY







Mint of the United States

Philadelphia, July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1861

Dear Sir,

For all deliveries made by you  
to me in the course of Mint business  
I shall recognize the receipts of Mr.  
Geo. F. Delleker, the Cashier, for coin, of  
Mr. A. S. Cochran, Hugh Clark, for bullion, &  
of Mr. R. Patterson, Chief Clerk, for either de-  
livery, as of equal validity with my own.

Very respectfully

J. B. Rosson

Treasurer

John G. Butler, Esq }  
Chief Coiner }



- 1866. -

N. B. Browne

2 July

designating individuals  
whose receipts will be  
acknowledged for

{ Coin  
Bullion  
to



Copy

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia July 21<sup>st</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch.

Secy of the Treasury

Sir

The usual monthly count and examination made at the close of business June 30<sup>th</sup> exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurers of the Mint viz.

|                       |            |
|-----------------------|------------|
| In Gold               | \$ 291,276 |
| " Silver              | 47,225.93  |
| Ordinary A/c          | 52,065.93  |
| Br Mint San Francisco | 309,410.97 |
| " " Denver            | 7,553.44   |
| Total                 | 1,378.88   |

Corresponding with the balances as stated on that Office's books of account.

Examination was at the same time made into the general condition and working of the Mint, and it is ascertained that the business of the Institution was conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner. Very Resptly  
Wm Pollock. Cashier



To.  
Secy of Treasury.  
enclosing Monthly Count  
and Examination  
of the Mint made  
June 30<sup>th</sup> 66,  
July 2<sup>d</sup> 66



U. S. Mint

July 2<sup>d</sup> 1864

Hon Hugh M. Culloch,  
Secy of the Treasury  
Sir;

Pursuant to Law  
and the regulations of the Department,  
I made examination at the close of  
business Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup> ult. of  
the books, accounts and monies on hand  
in the office of the Asst Treasurer  
of the U. S. at Phila, and found a  
balance of \$13,205,984.58, which corres-  
ponds with his statement of account  
for that day. In the foregoing the  
following was counted as cash, viz  
Certificates of Temporary Loan \$904,670.50.

Yours Respectfully,  
Jas Pollock,  
Director



To.  
Secy of Treasury  
enclosing Statement  
of Examination  
into the books, a/c's  
and monies on hand  
of the Asst Treas at  
Phila June 30<sup>th</sup> 66  
July 2<sup>d</sup> 66

July 1866.



# Merchants National Bank.

New Haven, Conn., July 2 1866

Superintendent of  
U.S. Mint

Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir,

I enclose  
U.S. Mint receipt issued to J. B.  
Upson & Co for Five Hundred &  
fifty five <sup>80</sup>/<sub>100</sub> ounces Gold  
Bullion. Please send the coin  
amounting to \$9,689.<sup>36</sup>/<sub>100</sub> - to the  
"National Broadway Bank" - New  
York City for acct of this Bank  
& oblige

Yours Truly

J. C. Bradley.  
Cashier



From

J. C. Bradley Esq  
Cashier of

Merchants Nat Bank

New Haven Ct.

Enclosing must Receipt  
to J. B. Upson Esq. &c

July 5. 1866. Recd &  
Same day sent paid, by  
Adams Ex. Co. as  
directed - J. B. Upson

95.687 1/2  
25.85  
69.837 1/2



{Copy}

U S Mint

July 3<sup>d</sup> 1866.

Hon Hugh McCulloch

Secy of the Treasury.

Sir,

Enclosed I have the honor to forward to you Requisition of the Afaz Office New York for \$1500.

Yours Respectfully  
Jas Pollock  
Director



To  
Secy of the Treasury  
Enclosing Requestion  
of New York Asaz  
Office for \$15000  
July 3<sup>d</sup> 66



# Money Order Post Office,

Lawrence, Mass.,

GEO. S. MERRILL, P. M.

July 3<sup>d</sup> 1866.

Sir:

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of June, I forwarded you, many orders of \$50, for five cent pieces for use of this office, and as we were being troubled much, from the scarcity of small change, I inclosed a stamp, and requested a reply, when we might look for them.

We have much trouble in making small change, and shall be forced to ask every permission as the issue will permit.

Very truly yours,

Geo S Merrill

Director of Mint.

PM



Geo S Merrill P.M  
Lawrence, Mass,  
July 3<sup>d</sup> 66, relative  
to order of coin,  
which was sent June  
30-66 —

Ans'd

July 5<sup>th</sup>  
1866,  
(11)



Banking House of John G. Ferguson,

El Paso, Woodford Co., Ills., July 3<sup>d</sup> 1861

Mr. Pollock Esq.  
Philadelphia

Sir,

I mailed to  
you on 25<sup>th</sup> June a letter enclosing  
Df- on 4<sup>th</sup> Nat<sup>l</sup> Bk N<sup>y</sup> for  
50 the mailer or rather Post-office  
has mis-delivered that night - & I do  
not know whether or not - you have  
rec<sup>d</sup> the Df- I want the 50  
5 ct- pieces shipped to me right off  
if you did not get write me &  
I will send a Duplicate  
plus another on receipt

Yours Truly

John G. Ferguson



From Jas. G. Ferguson  
El Paso, Ills. in reference  
to an order for coins  
which was not rec'd at  
the Mint.

Ansd July 6<sup>th</sup> 1866,  
D



New York July 5/66

As Pollock Esqr

D<sup>r</sup> Sir

I have  
1200 lbs of spiked in port,  
I shall shortly have more  
that I can sell you in bond  
at \$1.18/100, or duty paid at  
\$1.35/100 Gold.

Yours Truly  
C. Hobbes

Will take it, at 118, for Michel,  
send me the description of boxes, not  
what steamer shipped, &  
I will obtain from Dep. permis-  
ion to enter free of duty - noted to  
be a, see my word now, yours by



C Robbins Esq  
New York.

Offering 100 lbs  
Wick & Munt  
@ \$18 gold,  
Answer within  
July 6<sup>th</sup> 66



Watbury July 31 1866

Prof I C Booth

Dear Sir

I regret to say that we are not making satisfactory progress with the 5 cent blanks — On my return from Philadelphia Thursday of last week after getting our Press at work in cutting the blanks I found the rolling in my absence had been done very unsatisfactory owing chiefly to the use of improper moulds in casting from which we were not able to get that uniformity of weight desired. I had our labor & time so far to loose & on farther investigation I found we had no moulds in the Mill from which I dared risk any considerable quantity & had to order new moulds for the job which we have not yet got in & in the mean time doing but little with the moulds we have doing that little as perfect as we can — We shall be in condition in three or four days to go ahead with better satisfaction. We had supposed that the moulds we had formerly used would without doubt answer but found them unfit — I shall send a few tomorrow but shall not be able to get them out fast till about the first of next week — Respectfully Yours

Hokey Booth Hayden  
H. & H. Co



The weight is by the law  $77\frac{16}{100}$  grains, which is equal to the French gramme, according to one decision. I regret that it was made over 50 grains, but the ratio between the 3 & 5 in val & weight.

The business of making the 5-ct. pieces outside of the Mint will probably be small, too small, the Director thinks, to distribute among the three excellent firms at Waterbury, & as you have always served us promptly & faithfully & longer than the others, he proposes asking you alone for an offer.

Respectfully yours  
J A C Booth



July 5<sup>th</sup> 6

Messrs. Holmes, Booth, & Hayden  
Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sirs

I am requested by the  
Director to ask you whether you will be  
willing to make some 5000 lbs. of 5-ct.  
pieces, .75 copper + .25 Nickel, and at  
what rate per lb. We now allow \$0.40  
(gold) per lb. of pure nickel, estimated  
from the analysis of Commercial Nickel.

Assuming for the present a value of 5 cts  
pr lb. for copper, & \$1.40 (gold) @ \$1.50 per  
= \$2.10 pr. lb. (paper) <sup>for nickel</sup>, the value of metal  
in the lb. of blanks would be  $.77\frac{1}{2}$ .

Calling this the standard price, at at  
rate can you give us the blanks?

I enclose you a blank showing exact  
size, thickness & weight of the piece.



Waterbury July 20 1866

Prof I C Booth

Dear Sir

Your favor of yesterday is at hand. The Whittaker you speak of is not yet at hand but supposed to will arrive in due time by express. The heat of the last eight or ten days has paralyzed our efforts to get out work but we are anticipating getting out a part of your order next week & after the lot is through we will carefully look over the cost & if proper show the figures as we have no inclination to ask our friends who put confidence in us anything over a moderate remuneration. There is one fact relative to this cost which may have escaped your notice.

We shall have a 5% Tax to pay the government unless you being a government institution can exempt us of the tax.

Sincerely Yours  
Hobbes Booth & Haynes  
per J Hobbes



Waterbury July 16 1866  
Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 10th came duly to hand ordering 5000 5 Cent Blanks. We are engaged this week in making the cutting out tools & in casting & rolling an experimental lot small in amount. There seems no difficulty so far in casting & rolling the composition unless it shall be found in finishing the metal to such accurate & uniform perfection in thickness as is desirable in order to attain a uniform weight. If we find no difficulty in the little lot now in hand we shall get a part or all the order out next week.

Your remark that the deviation must not exceed two grains. We are to understand by this that two grains either above or below the standard is allowed or that no two blanks in the lot must differ from each other more than two grains? If the last it will require a perfection in rolling seldom found outside the Mint where the work is all on the previous metals.

Very Respectfully Yours

Henry Booth Haynes  
per J Holm



Waterbury Aug 6 1866

Prof I C Booth

Dear Sir

Your favor  
of yesterday asking proposal for making  
for the Mint 5000 of the 5 cent blanks  
is at hand

At the present price of  
copper & nickel we will get up 5000 of  
the blanks at \$<sup>150</sup>/<sub>100</sub> per pound which owing  
to the large proportion of scrap made  
in cutting the blanks is as low as it  
can be done & leave a moderate  
remuneration. The new tariff bill  
now under discussion in Congress proposes  
a very large increase in the duty both on  
copper & nickel which may enhance the  
cost of those articles in our market but  
we will undertake the 5000 at the  
above price. We duly appreciate your  
kindness in giving us the offer of the  
first bid.

Very Respectfully Yours  
Holmes Booth Mayday  
per J Holmes



Melter & Refiner's Correspondence

July . 1866



July, 27<sup>th</sup> '6

M<sup>r</sup> B. S. Hoopes

Sec<sup>y</sup> Aetna Mining Co.

324 Walnut St. Phila

Dear Sir,

The Director of the U.  
S. Mint purchased a lot of Copper from  
the Co., which was to have been delivered  
last week, but failed to arrive. We are  
still willing to receive it at present current  
rates.

Respectfully yours

J. C. Booth

Melter & Refiner

U. S. Mint



July 30<sup>th</sup>

6

Messrs. Holmes, Booth & Haydens.

Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sirs,

Agreeably to your  
letters, we made our arrangements for  
receiving some of the 5-cent blanks  
last week, & have been disappointed  
that we have not yet rec<sup>d</sup> them, nor  
an invoice of them. Please urge them  
forward with the utmost despatch.  
I oblige

Yours truly

J. A. C. Booth



B. P. BURHANS, President.

WM. A. WAIT, Cashier.

# Glen's Falls National Bank,

Glen's Falls, N. Y.,

July 5 1866.

James Pollock, Esq. Director.

Dear Sir,

In about how long  
after entry of application, can you fill orders  
for the new 3 x 5 ct. pieces?

Yours to  
McKain



Wm A. Wait, Cashier,  
Asking for small  
coin.

Ans'd

July 7-06  
4



Office of the  
Germania Life Insurance Company,  
No. 90 Broadway,

New York, July 1866

Ja<sup>s</sup> Talbot, Esq  
Director U.S. Mint  
Philada, Pa

Dear Sir

On the  
28<sup>th</sup> last month I forwarded aft  
on Philada \$50 for bag 5<sup>th</sup> Comis.  
And have not yet rec'd them or any  
acknowledgment of receipt of  
the draft.

Will you please state  
whether you ever rec'd it

Respy Yours  
Caleb's (Camm)  
Cash



Cash'r Germania  
Life Ins. Co. of  
New York, asking  
for order of small  
coin not acknowl-  
edged.

Answered  
July 7-66.



Office of

Hendricks Brothers.

New York June 8 1866

Direct to  
77 & 79 Broad St.  
N.Y.

Saml Pollock Esq  
Director.

U.S. Mint. Phila

Dear Sir We are in receipt

of your favor of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst and note contents.  
We regret that the nickel will not suit  
your purpose and desire that you use  
your own pleasure in regard to retaining or  
returning the article. We must say  
that we are much surprised at the  
return of the assay as this same article  
has been extensively used both at Waterbury  
and other places by the German Silver Mfg Co  
without the first complaint of quality or  
otherwise

Yours Truly  
Hendricks Bros



Hendricks Bros

New York

In regard to notes  
sent to the mint  
for trial.

July 13<sup>th</sup> 66



{Copy}

U. S. Mint

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch  
Secy of the Treasury.  
Sir

I have to request that  
the Collector of the Port of New York  
be instructed to admit free of duty the  
following shipped for the use of the U. S.  
Mint, viz. Two Cases Nickel, marked C. R.  
24. 25; Per S. S. Scotland, from Liverpool,  
600<sup>lbs</sup> each case,

Yours Respectfully  
J. A. Pollock  
Director



To  
Secy of the Treasury  
Requesting admission  
free of duty of two  
Cases Nickel shipped  
per S. S. Scotland  
for use of Mint,  
July 10<sup>th</sup> 66



Treasury Department,

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 1866.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the  
10<sup>th</sup> inst, to the Secretary, requesting the admission, free  
of duties and charges, of two cases of Nickel marked "G.R. 24.25"

imported for the use of the U. S. Mint at Philadelphia  
in the S. S. "Scotland" at the port  
of New York, from Liverpool

The Collector of Customs at that port has been instructed  
accordingly.

I am, very respectfully,

J. A. Hulley

Asst. Secretary of the Treasury.

James Pollock Esq.

Director of the U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia, Pa.



From  
Secy of the Treasury  
Permission to enter free  
of duty two cases  
nickel imported by  
C Robbins for use  
of the Mint,

July 12<sup>th</sup> 66



Mint of the United States.

Copy?

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon W E Chandler

Asst Secy of the Treasury

Sir,

I have the honor to  
acknowledge the receipt of your letter of  
1<sup>st</sup> inst; also the packages of coin referred to therein,  
being the coins sent by Govt of the Netherlands  
to our Govt in exchange for the coins of  
the U.S. sent January last.  
They will make a valuable addition to Cabinet.  
The coins are well executed, and indicate good  
progress in minting,

Very Respectfully

Director



To

Hon

Wm E Chandler

Asst Secy of Treasury

Acknowledging the  
receipt of coins of  
the Netherlands sent  
to the Mint in exchange  
for U.S. coins

July 11<sup>th</sup> 66



Direct to  
77 & 79 Broad St.  
N.Y.

Office of  
Hendricks Brothers.

New York July 11 1866

Mr James Pollock

Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir: Referring to  
ours of June 8<sup>th</sup>. It would much oblige us  
if you could return at our expense the  
Case of Nickel sent as sample.

Yours Truly  
Hendricks Brothers

RD. 224

Net Wt 120  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{65}{100}$  to be returned

ass'd 90 pr ct.



From

Hendricks Bros.

New York

Requesting return  
of models sent to  
the mine for testing,  
May 66

July 12<sup>th</sup> 66.



Copy;

U.S. Mint

July 12<sup>th</sup> 66

Messrs.

Hendricks Bros.

New York

Gents,

Your letter of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst has been received. We have this day sent you by Ex. as requested, the balance of nickel sent by you May 66. In testing it we used one hundred and three and a half lbs. and return 120 lbs. As the metal contained only 90 per cent nickel, and as we require it to be at least 95, the amt used at 95 per cent will be 98 lbs. For this under the circumstances we propose to pay you \$1.50 per lb or \$147, for the 98 lbs.

If you will forward to me duplicate receipted bills, in the usual form, we will send you the money, or pay it to your order. I regret that the nickel could not answer our purpose, Geo. Pollock  
Director



To  
Hendricks Bros  
New York  
Acknowledging receipt  
of their letter of  
11<sup>th</sup> inst.

Returning balance  
of tickets sent by  
them May 1866

July 12. 1866



From & To.

Secy of the Treasury  
in relation to the  
exchange of coins  
of the U.S for  
the coins of the  
Netherlands,  
July 12<sup>th</sup> 66







J.T.C.  
Treasury Department.

Jan<sup>y</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary  
to acknowledge the receipt of your  
letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> instant transmitting  
full sets of the Coins of the United  
States to this Department for the purpose  
of making an exchange of coins between  
our own government and the government  
of the Netherlands.

Very Respectfully

|                 |   |                     |
|-----------------|---|---------------------|
| Hon Jas Pollock | { | L. D. Bailey        |
| Director &c     |   | Assistant Secretary |
| Philadelphia    |   |                     |



Copy (E.K.)

Translation

Detroit 21 June, 1866

Mr Secretary.

I have the honor to send you herewith the coins that the Government of the Netherlands owes to the Government of the United States, in exchange for those you had the kindness to send me with your note of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of January last.

I have the honor to attach to this note a table containing the description of the coins of the Netherlands which my Government sends in duplicate corresponding in value to that received from the United States.

That value \$43<sup>57</sup> amounts to 108.<sup>25</sup> florins - in silver of the Netherlands the duplicate Netherlands coins (110.<sup>50</sup>) florins will answer to that sum.

In charging me to effect the exchange and to thank the Government of the United States for the obliging acceptance of the proposition, the Minister of Foreign Affairs requests me to communicate the desire of the Department of the Mint, to obtain if possible some information in regard to the small American nickel and bronze coins -



The books of the Department of the Mint show  
the value and weight of the gold and silver  
coins of the United States, but say nothing  
about the bronze and nickel coins.

I accept the opportunity to repeat the  
assurances of my very high consideration.

Robert Van Linsburg  
Hon William H. Seward

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Coins of the Netherlands <sup>Size-Weight-Standard</sup> <sub>Lines Grammes</sub> and Their Colonies - Value,

| Standard Coins (Legal Tender) |                      |     |        |       |             |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----|--------|-------|-------------|
| Silver                        | 1. { Guilder (unit)  | 28  | 10     | 0.945 | fl 1        |
|                               | piece of 2½ Guilder  | 38  | 25     |       | 2 50        |
|                               | half Guilder         | 22  | 5      |       | 50          |
| Change money for Holland      |                      |     |        |       |             |
| Silver                        | 2 { piece of 25 Cts. | 19  | 3.575  | 0.640 | - 25-       |
|                               | " " 10 "             | 15  | 1.400  |       | - 10        |
|                               | " " 5 "              | 12½ | 0.685  |       | - 05-       |
| Copper                        | 3 } cent-            | 22  | 3.845  |       | - 01        |
|                               | half cent-           | 16  | 1.922  |       | - 00½-      |
| Change money for the Colonies |                      |     |        |       |             |
| Silver                        | 4 { ¼ Guilder        | 19  | 3.180  | 0.720 | - 25-       |
|                               | 1/10 "               | 15  | 1.250  |       | - 10        |
|                               | 1/20 "               | 12½ | 0.610  |       | - 05-       |
| Copper                        | 5 { 2½ cents         | 31  | 12.500 |       | - 02½-      |
|                               | cent-                | 23½ | 4.800  |       | 01          |
|                               | ½ cent-              | 17  | 2.500  |       | 00½-        |
| Trade money                   |                      |     |        |       |             |
| Gold                          | 6 { Ducat-           | 21  | 3.194  | 0.983 | 16. 48½-    |
|                               | Double ducat-        | 26  | 6.988  |       |             |
|                               | William              | 22½ | 6.729  | 0.900 | 33 9.15-    |
|                               | Double William       | 26  | 13.458 |       |             |
|                               | Half William         | 18  | 3.364½ |       |             |
|                               |                      |     |        |       | fl 55. 25½- |



W. M. M.

WEB

Treasury Department.

July 7. 1866.

Sir:

I forward to you herewith, a copy of a communication from Mr. Roest Van Limburg, the Minister to the United States of the Government of the Netherlands, to the Secretary of State, transmitting to him the coins which the Government of the Netherlands owes to the United States, in exchange for a collection of the coins issued by this country, as agreed upon in the series of correspondence which transpired in January last upon that subject.

Enclosed, you will find packages, eight in number, represented as containing the requisite amount of coin of the



Netherlands, which are sent unopened,  
as received from the Department of  
State.

Your attention is called to, and your  
views desired by the Department, upon that  
portion of the letter of Mr. Roest Van  
Limburg, which refers to our nickel and  
bronze coins.

Very respectfully  
Your obedient servant  
W<sup>m</sup> E. Chandler  
Assistant Secretary

Hon. Jas. Pollock  
Director U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia Pa.

P.S. Since writing the above, I  
have determined to send the coin by Adams'  
Express.  
W. E. C.  
Please acknowledge recd. of coin.



5372.  
Treasury Department.

June 21<sup>d</sup> 1866.

Sir,

Your letter of the 20<sup>th</sup> instant is received inquiring relative to the Set of United States Coin, forwarded to this Department for exchange with the Government of the Netherlands.

Upon inquiry at the State Department through which these coins were transmitted, I am informed that no return has yet been received. The coins together with the difference in value, if any, will be immediately forwarded to you when received



at this Department.

I am, Very Respectfully

Wm E. Chandler

Assistant Secretary

Hon. Genl Pollock

Director of the Mint.

Philadelphia



Treasury Dept. Washington  
June 21<sup>st</sup>/66

W. E. Chandler  
relating to proof coin for  
Netherlands



Direct to  
77 & 79 Broad St.  
N. Y.

Office of

Hendricks Brothers.

New York June 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

James Pollock Esq  
Director

Philadelphia

Dear Sir Yours of  
the 12<sup>th</sup> inst. at hand and contents noted.

We enclose receipted duplicate invoices  
as requested and remain

Very Respectfully  
Hendricks Brothers

Pleasantly by E.H.



From  
Hendricks Bros.

N. Y.

Enclosing duplicate  
receipted bills  
for nickel used  
in trial at Mint.  
Bills returned.

July 14. 1866



Fayetteville, Arkansas

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

W. S. Mint  
Philadelphia Pa.

Cents

Is there anything known  
to be useful in searching  
for Silver in its natural  
beds. I mean any instru-  
ment such as <sup>is</sup> used for  
ascertaining depth & locality  
of water-brins. or any  
other mode by metallic attrac-  
tion.

We have discovered  
Silver in the Boston  
Mountains but it seems  
to be so deeply laid, that  
there is uncertainty in sinking  
for it. Truly Yours &c  
E. E. Henderson & Co



Copy, W S Minit

July 23<sup>d</sup> 1866

Gents

In reply to your enquiry  
of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst I have to  
inform you, that there is nothing  
known that would be useful  
in searching for silver in  
its natural bed except the  
common instruments used  
in mining.

Yours truly  
Jas. H. Block  
Director  
per W. B. R.

To  
E. E. Henderson Esq  
Fayetteville  
Ark



From & To,  
E E Henderson to  
Sayterville  
OK

Asking if there  
is any thing known  
that would be  
useful in searching  
for silver in  
its natural bed,

July 23<sup>d</sup> 64



Missionary House, Pemberton Square,

BOSTON, 14 July 1856

James Rufus Snowden, Esq.,  
Director U.S. Mint,  
Philadelphia, Pa.  
Sir,

In reply to your letter of  
11th inst. just received, I would inform you  
that Mr. Williams arrived in this country a few  
days ago, and is now residing at Ithaca, N.Y.  
He will doubtless report to you respecting the  
coins, if he has not already done so. He said  
nothing to me respecting them when I saw him  
here.

Very respectfully

& truly yours.

James M. Gordon  
Pres.



From  
James M. Graham Esq  
Treasurer  
Boston Mass,

States that Mr Williams  
has returned to

July 16. 1856.



U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia. July 14. 1866  
Messrs. Hendricks Bros  
New York  
Gents.

Your clerk has made a singular mistake in sending me bills for the nickel you sent for trial, at \$1.50 pr. lb. in gold. Your offer was if the nickel suited us, to sell for \$1.30 in gold, and certainly an article that after expensive trial, is found to be unfitted for our purposes, cannot be worth 20 cts. per lb more in gold, than that of a good quality. After consultation with Prof. Booth our Melter & Refiner, who had the nickel tried, and who reported its character, and the expense and annoyance of the trial, \$1.50 in currency was deemed a full price for what we had used. It is not worth for our purposes, \$1.00 pr. lb. in currency. I return the bills which you will please cause to be made out at the price of \$1.50 in currency & forward

Very respectfully

(Sigd) Jas Pollock, Jr.



To  
Hendricks Bros.  
New York.

In reference to,  
nickel, for which  
they sent bills  
at \$1.50 pr. lb, in  
gold. The nickel  
upon trial, was  
not found fit for  
mint purposes, &  
\$1.50 in currency  
was deemed a sufficient  
price for the  
amount used —  
~~to be~~ Returning  
bills, with request  
that they be made  
out at \$1.50 pr. lb  
in currency.

July 14. 1866



MINT OF THE UNITED STATES,

MELTING AND REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, July 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon. James Pollock.

Dear Sir,

I have carefully read the letter of Mr. G. Mason to Mr. G. F. Dunning, Supdt. of Office N. Y. in relation to his improvements in refining Gold by a combination of the Nitric & sulphuric Processes & by reducing the proportion of Silver to gold.

I have no doubt of their economy & that the diminished cost is nearly represented by the figures which he presents. I do not think that I would estimate the saving in "other materials & labor" quite as much as he has done, & would suppose that one half the amount he names, or say \$500 would be quite sufficient. In giving this opinion however, I should state that I have not seen the process in which sulphuric acid is used, & my design to witness it in operation has been thwarted by several circumstances until now. I hope to see it in the course of next week.



I object to the item \$316.16 Silver saved, because such saving is at the expense of the beauty & wear of coin. Admitting his figures otherwise, which I have no reason to doubt, except as to price of nitric acid, which has never exceeded 15 cts. in this Mint, the saving effected will be, for \$1,000,000 gold:

Saved by 1<sup>st</sup> Improvement \$794.46

Other materials & labor (I think) 500.00

Saved by 2<sup>nd</sup> Improvement }  
(Nitric acid 15 cts oil of vitriol 4 cts.) } 498.78

Total } \$1793.24

If the silver be added it will make \$2100.=

I am anxious to see the process for other reasons. Many years since I desired to refine altogether by oil of vitriol, which is much more economical than by nitric acid, but upon inquiry

I found that such process would hardly be tolerated in the midst of a populous city like Phil<sup>a</sup>, on account of the impossibility of preventing the escape of the pungent odors of



anhydrous sulphuric acid, & because of this fact (necessary & unavoidable) & of the greater neatness of the nitric process throughout, it was deemed advisable to adhere to the nitric process alone.

I have understood that such odors do arise from the assay office, but because of its position, people do not know whence they arise. I understand from workmen in the assay office that the process is otherwise foul, ruinous to their clothing, &c.

I would prefer judging for myself by inspection.

In regard to the present cost of refining in this mint, it may be stated to be very near \$6000 = (paper), which is at the rate of about 11 cents per ounce. Our charge of 5 cts. (gold) or  $7\frac{1}{2}$  cts. paper would seem to be too low by  $3\frac{1}{2}$  cts. pr. oz. At the same time while gold was above 200, during part of the war, the charge more than covered the cost, which was then less than now.

Respectfully yours  
J. A. Booth



From  
Prof. J. C. Booth  
M. & R. U. S. Mint

In reference to  
improved method of  
Parting as suggested  
by Mr. Mason M.  
& R. N. Y. Assay Office  
July 17. 1866



July 17 6

R. F. Bailey Esq.  
Sir.

Yours of the  
13<sup>th</sup> in reference to small coin &c,  
has been rec'd, The "Mint Agent  
of Adams Ex. Co." informs me  
that the 5¢ coin was also sent  
to your address of July 11<sup>th</sup>. It  
is therefore probable that you  
have rec'd them ere this.

Yours Truly  
Jas. Pollock

Director  
by J. C. P.

Cashier 1<sup>st</sup> Nat. Bk  
Galva, Ills.



W<sup>m</sup> L. WILEY, PRES<sup>t</sup>  
L. W. BECK, CASHIER.

# First National Bank

Galva, Ill. July 10<sup>th</sup> 1867

Chas. Pollock

Cashier

Dear Sir,

I have received  
but half of my order  
of June 25<sup>th</sup> \$50. five cent  
coin not yet heard from  
18 & 3 cent pieces arrived a  
week ago, has it been  
sent?

Respectfully

R. E. Bailey  
Co.

\$50 - 5 - left here July 11 -



Cashr 1<sup>st</sup> Nat. Bk. Galva, Ill.

In relation to small coin  
ordered half of which he  
rec'd. Ans'd

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1866.

— — — — —



Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 17<sup>th</sup> 1861

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hendricks Bros.

New York

Gents

Enclosed  
please find of J.C. Barth of this date  
check on Philadelphia  
National Bank for One hundred  
and forty seven Dollars <sup>payable to your order</sup> \$147.00  
in full for bill of nickel received  
this day.

Very respectfully,

J. Pollock  
Director



To  
Hendricks Bros

New York

Enclosing check  
of J. C. Booth for  
\$147, in full for  
bill of nickel  
received

July 17. 1866



Office of

Hendricks Brothers.

New York July 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

James Pollock Esq  
Director U S Mint  
Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

Your favor of  
the 17<sup>th</sup> inst at hand, covering check of Mr.  
James C. Booth for \$147. - and are obliged  
for same. We have on hand about 1200<sup>lbs</sup>  
of Refined Metallic Nickel from Evans &  
Clark. Birmingham, and enclose sample  
to you. If you know the article would  
like your offer.

Yours Truly  
Hendricks Brothers

Direct to  
77 & 79 Broad St.  
N.Y.



From  
Hendricks Bros  
New York

Acknowledging rept.  
of check for \$147.

Enclosing sample  
of nickel, & desiring  
offer for same.

See Answer enclosed.

Recd. July 19. 1866



U. S. Mint

Philadelphia July 19. 1866

Mess<sup>rs</sup> Hendricks Bros  
New York.

Sir:

Yours of the  
18<sup>th</sup> inst enclosing sample of nickel  
of Evans & McKim has been rec'd.

Offers of nickel to us are large,  
and our supply ample. We therefor  
can make no offer, but if you  
will inform me of the lowest price in  
gold or its equivalent, you will take  
for nickel equal to the sample, and  
assaying not less than 95 p.c. delivered  
here free of all charges, I will  
consider it, and give you a definite  
answer.

Very respectfully

(Sgd) James Pollock

Director



To  
Hendricks Bros  
New York

Acknowledging recpt.  
of letter of 18<sup>th</sup> inst.  
enclosing sample  
of nickel, and  
asking them to state  
the lowest price  
they will take for  
nickel, equal to  
the sample.

July 19. 1866



To The "Supt" Boston July 19 1866  
"Philadelphia Mint"

Dr Sir

If not too much trouble  
will you have the kindness to give me  
what information you can regarding the  
following questions and by so doing you  
will much oblige

Yours Respectfully

J. G. Adams

How many Mints for the coinage of Gold & Silver  
Coin are there in the U.S.

Where are they located,

How many are in operation, or how many  
have been in operation for the past Ten years.

I observe on a \$5 gold piece of date 1848  
the letter D, what does it signify



From & To.

J. G. Adams

Boston  
Mass.

Counting the number  
of Prints in the  
MSSes

July 21<sup>st</sup> 66



Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

J G Adams Esq  
Sir

Yours of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst  
is rec'd,

There are five Mints in the U.S  
for the coinage of gold & silver  
coin, viz The U.S Mint at Philada.  
The Branch Mint at San Francisco.  
The " " " " New Orleans  
" " " " Dahlonega Ga  
" " " " Charlotte N.C.

But two at present are in oper-  
ation viz, The Mints at Phila.  
and San Francisco, the others  
being closed from the effects of  
the late war, The "D" stands for  
Dahlonega, the Mint in which it  
was coined, Yours &c. J Pollock Dir  
Per Wm. C.C.



Office of

Hendricks Brothers.

New York July 20 1866

James Pollock Esq  
Director U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia

Dear Sir: We are in receipt  
of your favor of the 19<sup>th</sup> inst and note contents.  
The quantity of Nickel we have at present  
to offer will not warrant us in asking you to  
test it, and will retain it for our small dealers.

We have written to our friends in Europe  
to manufacture a superior article for your use,  
and as soon as we hear from them with  
sample will write you, meanwhile we are

Yours Truly  
Hendricks Brothers

Direct to  
77 & 79 Broad St.  
N.Y.



From,

Hendricks Bros  
New York  
in reply to Dns letter  
of 19<sup>th</sup> inst in relation  
to purchase of M<sup>ch</sup>,  
July 21<sup>st</sup> 66.



July 26<sup>th</sup> 6.

E. P. Butler Esq.

Cashier Ohio Nat. Bank

Sir.

Yours of the 20<sup>th</sup> inst, enclosing Certificate of Deposit, to the credit of the Treas. of the U. S., has been rec'd.

Your Cft is hereby returned, as it cannot be used by us. All Drafts, Checks, or Certificates of Deposit, must be made payable to the order of the Director of the Mint, or Adams Ex. Co., who act as Agents for parties ordering small coin. When your check or Draft, properly made payable as above indicated is rec'd, the coin will be forwarded at our earliest convenience.

Yours Truly

Jas. Pollock

Director

per.

J. C. P.



B. P. GILMAN, PRESIDENT.  
E. P. BUTLER, CASHIER.

*National*  
**Orono Bank.**  
ORONO, ME.

Incorporated 1852.  
Capital, \$50,000

Orono, *July 28*. 1866.

Esquire, Cashier

Dear Sir,

Your favor of the

is received with enclosures as stated.

Yours Respectfully

Cashier.

Enclosed I forward

*you* *of* *Dep't* *and* *hundred*  
*dolls.* *for* *which* *please* *forward*  
*to* *this* *Bank* *the* *sum* *in* *5* *ct*  
*coin*

*and* *believe* *you*  
*are* *Sir.*

*E. P. Butler*  
Cash.

*Director of the Mint*

*Philadelphia*



From & To  
Cashier Orono BK  
Orono

Me

Forwarding Certificate  
of deposit for  
\$100, for 500 pieces,  
Returned not being  
made payable to order  
of the Director of  
the Mint.

July 26<sup>th</sup> 66

Edmund Rogers

James Jones of the

James B. B. B. B.



BURKE, HERBERT &amp; CO.,

Bankers and Brokers,

N. E. cor. King &amp; Water Streets,

BUY AND SELL

Exchange, Coin, Stocks,

BANK NOTES, &amp;c.

COLLECTIONS MADE ON ALL ACCESSIBLE  
POINTS IN THE UNITED STATES.

Alexandria, Va. July 26 '66

To, U. S. Mint  
Phil<sup>a</sup> Pa

We send by  
Adams & Co. today a bag containing  
one and two cent pieces amtg.  
to \$16. for which please  
send us five cent pieces.

Very respectfully  
Burke Herbert & Co.

Answer,

Gents, June 30<sup>th</sup> 66

We do not exchange five  
cts for one & two cts, but for  
coin & notes of the U. S.

We return to day by Express the  
bag, said to contain \$16. in  
one & two cts.

Yours &c  
Geo. Pollock  
per Mrs.



Sum & Co,

Burke, Herbert & Co

Alexandria

Pa

In relation to  
one & two cts sent  
to the bank to  
be exchanged  
for 5 cts,

July 30<sup>th</sup> 66



18.  
Five

Treasury of the United States,  
Cash Division

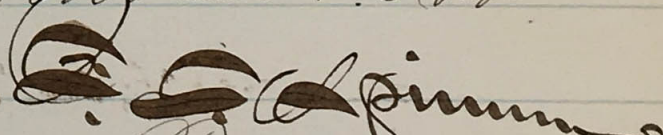
Washington, July 26 1866.

Sir

I herewith enclose  
Transfer Check on Assistant Treasurer  
Philadelphia No. 560. in your favor  
for \$2,000. for which please  
send

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| Three Cent pieces | \$ 1,000 |
| Five " "          | 1,000    |

Very Respectfully  
Yours Obdt. Servt.

  
Treasurer U.S.

James Pollock Esq.  
Director of mint  
Philadelphia  
Pa.



From  
Hon F. E. Spinner  
U. S. Treasurer  
\$ 2000 for small coin.

July 26. 1866.

" 27. Sent in full  
as ordered. J. P. Dix



Post Office, Franklin, Pa,

July 2, 1866.

Sir:

We are much in need of cents, two cents, three cents and five cents peices in this part of the country and I wish to ascertain what is the smallest and what the largest amount you will sell of each of these denominations, or all to-gether, to one person at one time. Also, on what terms; and, do ~~they~~ come without any express charges?

Also, how soon after an order has been received can it be filled?

Very Respectfully,

Alex. P. Riddle



Alex. P. Riadle P.M.  
Franklin Pa. Asking  
for cents &c.

Answered

July 4<sup>th</sup> 1866.

— " —



{Copy}

U S Mint

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,

Secy of the Treasury,

Sir.

<sup>to the request</sup>  
of the <sup>State,</sup> <sup>of the</sup> <sup>Minister</sup> In reply contained in the letter  
of Mr Robt Van Linsburg Minister to the U.S.  
of the Govt of the Netherlands for information  
in regard to the small American Nickel & bronze  
coins I have the honor to say, that the bronze  
and nickel coins of the U.S consist of four  
pieces: one cent, & two cts in bronze; three cents  
& five cents in nickel & copper. This last piece, 5 cts,  
began to be issued since the package of our  
coins was sent, and we therefore take this oppor-  
tunity to forward two specimens,

The following are the present regulations of alloy  
and weight, <sup>or</sup> The one cent is a mixture of  
95 parts copper, 3 of zinc and 2 of tin; its weight  
is 48 grains, or two ppts, Troy. 2<sup>d</sup> The two cents, is



the same alloy, and of double the above weight.  
3.<sup>d</sup> The three cents, is composed of 25 parts nickel  
with 75 parts copper, its weight is 30 grs, with allowed  
deviation, which may make them 34.

4.<sup>th</sup> The five cents is the same composition as the  
preceding; but its weight is adjusted to the French  
metrical system i.e. five grammes or  $77\frac{46}{100}$  Troy  
grains, Its diameter, by a Mint regulation, also  
conforms to the French measure, being two cen-  
timetres. This coin differs from the other three  
in being redeemable in large sums in bearing  
notes,

Very Respectfully  
J A Volck  
Director



To  
Secty. Treasry

<sup>request contained in</sup>  
In reply to letter  
of 7<sup>th</sup> inst. to Secty.  
of State, of the  
Minister to the  
U. S. of the Govt.  
of the Netherlands  
in relation to  
small American  
Coin.

Giving Compo-  
sition, weight &c. of  
each piece.

July 11. 1866



Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 27<sup>th</sup> 1866

Wm H Pool Esq

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the recent date, I have to inform you, that the specimen of ore sent to this Institution for examination by you, contains no trace of gold,

Yours truly  
J. A. Pollock,  
Director  
per W. B.  
Chief Clerk,



Superintendent of U. S. Mint.

Sir

The enclosed ore is  
a specimen as said to con-  
tain Gold from my place,  
I was induced to send it  
to the U. S. Mint for inspec-  
tion. You would do me a great  
favor by seeing if there is any-  
thing of it and letting me know  
in due time.

Yours Respectfully  
J<sup>m</sup> H. Pool

Clarksburgh, P.O.  
Montgomerie Co.  
Md.

No indications  
whatever



From & To,

Wm H. Pool.

Clarksburg  
Md

In regard to  
specimen if we  
sent to the Mint  
for examination  
July 27<sup>th</sup> 64



# UNITED STATES TREASURY.

No. 2666

Philadelphia July 31<sup>st</sup> 1866

I Certify, that A. B. Browne Treas U.S. Mint

this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States  
Thirty Four <sup>82</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

Dollars, on account of Internal Revenue Tax on Wages &c  
Cent of <sup>82</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

for which I have signed triplicate receipts

\$ 34. <sup>82</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

A. B. Browne

Assistant Treasurer U.S.



# UNITED STATES TREASURY.

No. 2665

Philadelphia July 31<sup>st</sup> 1866.

I Certify, that N. B. Browne Treas. U. S. Mint

this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States,

One Hundred & Seventy Five

Dollars, on account of Internal Revenue Tax on Wages &c.

ordinary of

for which I have signed triplicate receipts

\$ 175.<sup>74</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

N. B. Browne

Assistant Treasurer U.S.



Copy,

U.S. Mint

July 31<sup>st</sup> 1866.

Hon Hugh McCulloch

Secy of the Treasury,  
Sir

I have the honor  
of enclosing to you Certificate of  
Deposit by me as Director of the U.S.  
Mint, to the credit of the Treasurer  
of the U.S. of ten thousand dollars,  
\$10,000, on account of Profits of the Medal  
Department of the U.S. Mint.

Yours Respectfully  
Jas. Pollock,  
Director,



To  
Sicly Treasury

Enclosing Certificate  
of Deposit. as Director  
U. S. Mint to the  
credit of the Treas.  
U. S. of \$10.000  
on acct. of Profits  
of Medul Dept.

July 31. 1866



Copy,

U S Mint

July 31<sup>st</sup> 66

Hon F. E. Spinner,  
Treas. of the U. S.  
Sir,

Your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup>  
inst has been received,  
In reply I have to say, that we will  
retain as you request, \$1000, in 5 ct coin  
weekly until the amount reaches \$5000.  
If you order \$5000, of these coins now we will  
forward them early next week in anticipation  
of this arrangement,

Very Respectfully  
Jas Pollock  
Director



To  
Treasurer of U. S.

In reply to his  
letter of 30<sup>th</sup> inst.  
in reference to 5 ct. coin.  
Will retain \$1000 weekly  
until the amt. reaches  
\$5000, or will send  
\$5000 early next week,  
if he so orders.

July 31. 1866

Correspondence  
U. S. Mint, &  
of Branch Mints,  
July 1866.



U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1866/JULY

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1866/AUGUST







Waterbury Aug 23 1866

Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

We ship you another cash blank to day as per Memorandum on another page. There will be due you two more cash on the second order which we expect to ship the 24th & 25th and cash each day. We know little of any extra cash on the order.

I should I choose to give us farther orders for which we should feel thankful we can send them at the rate of one cash per day after the delay of some two or three days expended in getting some cash at hand. Have you got so arranging that we can be relied on for at least one cash per day steadily so long as you may choose to order but we find it much slower work than on the one & two cent blanks we formerly made. Our men claim to get the weights tolerably uniform but I suppose your finer mode of weighing & greater skill would find more discrepancies than we can detect. A single grain is almost an inappreciable amount in a Proof Bull while at the point in the process, Metals it is an item of importance & distinctly recognized.

With great respect Yours &c

Hotchkiss & Booth May day 4 1866



Memorandum of 5-cent blanks shipped to  
the Westcott Aug 23<sup>d</sup> 1866 by  
Holmes Booth & Hayden

Cask #13 - 634 lbs  
By RR & Union Line  
as usual



U. S. Mint.

Phila Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 1866

Messrs. Holmes, Booth & Hayden  
Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sirs,

Please continue  
making, & forward the third lot  
of five thousand pounds of five  
cent blanks, as heretofore.

I will send the form of bill for  
the 2<sup>nd</sup> lot, as soon as the assay shall  
have been completed.

Respectfully yours  
J. H. Booth



BLUNT & FULLER,  
Commission Merchants,  
BIRMINGHAM.

EDW. BARNES & SONS  
Cutlers,  
SHEFFIELD,  
ENGLAND.

Claims for damages or deductions must be made within five days  
after receipt of Goods.

New York,

July 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

M & S Mint Phila Pa

Bought of C. Robbins, Ag't,

No. 13 CLIFF STREET.

Terms:

IMPORTER OF  
TAGGERS IRON,  
BUTTON CANVAS,  
SILK SHANKING,  
LONDON EMERY,  
Nickel,  
Percussion Caps,  
Sheet and Hoop Iron,

CR 24/25 bro Cases Ca Contg 600 lb various in gold  
Refined Nickel 200 lb @ \$1.18 \$1406 -

Stamp 100 Sample 360 Contag 1.25

Currency  
5-85



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Commission Merchants,  
BIRMINGHAM.

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SILK SHANKING,  
LONDON EMERY,  
Nickel,  
Percussion Caps,  
Sheet and Hoop Iron,

C.R. 24 } 600 Cases Ea Contg 6000 Tinners in Cold  
25 } Refined Nickel 1200 @ \$1.18 1416..

Stamp 100 Storage 360 Cartage 125

Currency  
585





New York July 27 1866

James Pollock Esq. & Son  
Dr Sir

Enclosed please  
find Invoice & Duplicate of  
two Cases picked forwarded  
this A.M. Per Camden & Amboy  
R.R.

Yours Truly  
C. Robbins  
per W. D. Loebman atty



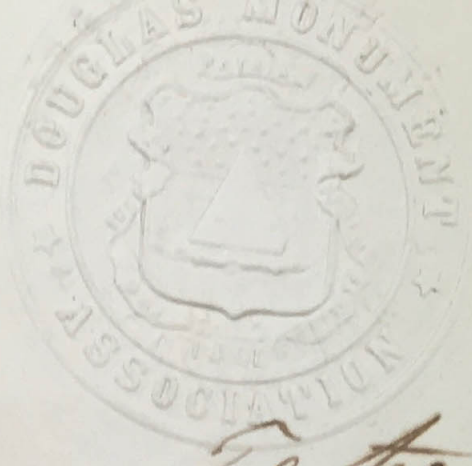
New York Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Mr Jas C. Booth  
Dear Sir

Your favor  
of the 31<sup>st</sup> inst is recd. Mr Robbins  
being absent in Europe, the writer  
supposed the business was  
done the same as formerly,  
hence the misunderstanding.  
Enclosed I hand you receipted  
Bills for which you will  
please send your check  
an oblige

Yours Truly  
C. Robbins  
per W D Cochrane  
att'y





Office Douglas Monument Assocn  
Chicago Aug 17 1866.

To the Superintendent  
U. S. Mint Phila & Pa.

Sir;

On behalf of the Douglas Monument Association  
I would respectfully solicit from you  
a set of the U. S. coins - silver & copper - or  
any desirable coins or medals  
for deposit within the Corner Stone  
of the Douglas Monument on the 6<sup>th</sup> day  
of Sept. next. on which occasion the  
President of the United States will  
officially. It is desirable that the  
coins be furnished immediately by  
Express. Charge & cost of them to be collected  
by the Express company. Your early  
reply whether they can be furnished  
or not. And if favorable, accompanied by  
a list or catalogue, will be greatly esteemed  
by  
Your Obedt Servant  
J. N. Voth, Secy, D.M.A.



Chicago Aug. 17/66

L. W. Volk

relating to Coin & Medals for  
Douglas Monument Assoc.





Copy

U S Mint

August 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch  
Secy of the Treas.

Sir

I have the honor  
to enclose herewith Requisition of the  
Supt of the U S Assay Office New York  
for \$30000, on account of appropriation  
for the support of that Office, with my  
approval,

Very Respectfully  
Jas Pollock  
Director



To  
Secy. Treasury  
Enclosing Requisition  
of Supt. Assay Office  
N. York for \$30,000

August 16. 1866



July 31<sup>st</sup> 6

Mr. C. Robbins

New York

Dear Sir.

your favor of 30<sup>th</sup>  
just recd. By reference to your letter, you will  
find that you offered the 1200 lbs. Nickel on  
July 5<sup>th</sup> at \$1.18 in gold. In reply the  
Director stated July 6<sup>th</sup> "We will take the  
Nickel mentioned, delivered here, at \$1.18-  
in gold." As you sent the nickel subject to  
the above condition of acceptance, "delivered  
here" there can be no question in relation  
to freight charges payable by you.

In regard to currency charges, your acct.  
was made out the bills.

& the charge of \$5.85 stated by you is admitted.  
& may be added to the bill. To simplify the  
account, the bills should be made as follows:

1200 lbs. Nickel @  $1.77\frac{3}{4}$  - \$2133.00

less. freight, &c.

5.30  
\$2127.70



We have somewhat changed our practice  
since 1863-4, and only make purchases  
delivered at the Mint.

Respectfully yours  
J. A. C. Booth



July 28<sup>th</sup> '6

Mr L Robins

New York.

Dear Sir.

The two cases  
of nickel assayed up to standard, &  
the price would therefore be:

1200 lbs. Nickel @ 1.18 = \$1416.00 Gold  
\$1416.00 Gold @  $1.50\frac{1}{4}$  = \$2127.54 Paper

You will therefore please render us  
two receipted bills as follows: (Stamps  
not req<sup>d</sup>)

1200 lbs. Nickel @  $1.77\frac{1}{2}$  = \$2127.60  
less Freight &c

5.30  
\$2122.30

After we receive the rec<sup>d</sup> bills, shall  
I remit per Express or my check?

Respectfully yours  
J A C Booth



St. Genevieve Mo

August 29 1866

Dr Sir

Will you please inform  
me at your earliest leisure if the US  
wants Nickel ore, what quantity and  
price? The ore comes from the Mine  
a La Motte lead mines - Your early  
answer will greatly Oblige

Yours Respectfully

M R Allen -

- This Confidential -

Professor Booth, Assayer of the US  
Mint, Phil -

Replied. That we do not work nickel ore,  
that we only purchase Refined Nickel,  
that the only Refinery of Nickel in U.S.  
is that of Jos. Wharton, Camden, N.J.  
J.C.B.



New York July 30<sup>th</sup> /66

Jas C Booth Esq  
 Dear Sir

Your favor of  
 the 28<sup>th</sup> inst is at hand  
 I do not understand why the  
 deduction for Freight &c is made  
 or why our currency charge of  
 \$5.85 is left out. if you will refer  
 back to our former transactions  
 in the year '63 or '64 you will find  
 there is no deduction made from  
 our price. being sold in Bond  
 all currency charge is payable  
 by you. Mr Robbins being in  
 Europe I would like the matter  
 explained before sending receipt  
 Belk

Yours truly  
 L. Robbins  
 per W. Lockman  
 atty



Robbins' offer July 5. 66

@ 1.18 in gold in bond

Reply. July 6. Will take the Mi. men-  
tioned deliv. here at 1.18 gold.



Waterbury Aug 30 1866

Prof I C Booth

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 28th with order for an additional 5000 5 cent blanks is at hand for which please accept our thanks — The order found us with none of the Metal Cast but we commenced the casting to day & shall begin to ship them by middle of next week — Do you find at the Point that there is any loss of Metal in remelting the scraps or chips? — We have considerable scrap from the last lot & shall make this lot in part from that I do not know whether or not there will be a loss of Metal in remelting them having from even the impression that the copper would waste as much in remelting as the Metal & that Metal made from remelting scrap would sell as high as the scraps and before remelting —

You wrote us Aug 10th before we had cast much of the second lot that you proposed to send it from under



them over & that it would not be rejected even at  
24 gr from which we inferred that you found the  
blanks hard & difficult to coin & when the bulk  
weighed into each melt of 100<sup>ms</sup> from 26½ to 25<sup>ms</sup>  
& subsequently you wrote you had found some which  
but a triffe exceeding 24 gr from which we feared  
that the portion of the lot on which we put but  
25<sup>ms</sup> would be unsatisfactory. We shall keep this

lot up unless we are disappointed by a further waste  
in melting from that portion made from the chips.  
It is our pride to keep the assay to a satisfactory  
point & we persuade that we lose more metal in  
our process of casting than you do at the mint though  
we cannot find by a very careful washing of the furnace  
ashes & crucibles that much escape. We should not  
have returned the other lot but at your suggestion by  
which we understood that a little lower than the  
standard was desirable. Respectfully Yours

Wm. B. Booth May 1861

W. B. Booth



AGENCY OF

BLUNT & FULLER,  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
BIRMINGHAM.

EDWARD BARNES & SONS,  
POCKET AND TABLE CUTLERY,  
SHEFFIELD.

104 John  
~~57 Beekman~~ St., New York, Aug 25 1866

Mr Jas. C. Booth

Dear Sir

I can offer  
you 4 Cases Nickel same  
as the last at the same price  
viz \$1.18 Gold in Bond please  
answer by return mail

Yours Truly  
L Robbins  
per W D Lockman  
attly



U.S. Mint

Phil<sup>a</sup> Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 66

Wm L Robbins  
New York

Dear Sir,

Having a large  
stock of nickel on hand, we do  
not need any more at present.

Respectfully yours

J. H. Booth



New York Aug. 28. 1866

Professor Jas. C. Booth.  
United States Mint  
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

We beg to acknowledge  
the receipt of your favor of yesterday,  
and herewith beg to enclose  
se receipted bill (in duplo) for  
the lot of Nickel forwarded to  
you on the 20th inst. The invoices  
are made out according to  
your instructions and in the name  
of J. Pinkhans, which we hope  
will be satisfactory.

Please send your check by  
mail, as before, and believe us,  
Dear Sir

Yours most respectfully  
J. Heitmann & Co  
Per Jas. C. Pinkhans.





New York August 20<sup>th</sup> 1866  
 H. U. S. Wharf Philadelphia  
 Bought of **FLEITMANN & CO.**  
 Late FLEITMANN & WIERSS,

Importers of German, French & English Goods,

TERMS CASH.

Nos. 58 & 60 READE ST., West of Broadway.

*Shipped by Union Line, Freight paid*

|                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| L. J. H. 1840 1846 1848<br>1841 1847 1849<br>1842 1848 1850<br>1860 1811 | } 10 cases a 500 \$<br>} = 5000 \$ eng. 99% off Chickel a 1.40 7000 -<br>} 2 cases a 500 \$<br>} = 1000 \$ eng. 90% off Chickel a 1.33 1330 -<br>} Human gold 40%<br>} + Brokerage 18% = 40% 4050 \$6.<br>} | 1330<br>2330<br>4050 \$6.<br>12380 \$6.<br>600<br>12374 \$6. |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|

Bought in Philadelphia  
 Currency \$12,374 \$6.  
 Paid cash payable on  
 receipts assay of the Chickel.



Watertown Aug 25. 1866  
Prof. J. C. Booth

Dear Sir

We have shipped  
to the Wf. Hunt, to day, two more  
Casks of 5-cent blanks as per  
Memorandum below; I remain

Yours Very Respectfully  
Holmes Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of 5-cent blanks  
Shipped to the Wf. Hunt Aug 25<sup>th</sup> 1866  
by Holmes Booth & Hayden

|        |      |             |
|--------|------|-------------|
| Cask # | 14   | 683½ lbs    |
| "      | " 15 | 640½ "      |
|        |      | <u>1324</u> |

By R R<sup>c</sup> & Union Line

This completes the second lot, and we  
are now without orders.



Watertown Aug 22<sup>d</sup> 1866

Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

We have shipped  
to the W<sup>m</sup> Mint, to day, another cask  
of 5-Cent blanks as per memorandum  
below & remain as ever

Yours Very Respectfully  
Holmes Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of 5-cent blanks shipped  
to the W<sup>m</sup> Mint - Aug 22<sup>d</sup> 1866  
by Holmes Booth & Hayden  
Cask #12 — 642 lbs  
By RR & Union Line



W  
Saturday Aug 21. 1866  
Prof J C Booth  
Dear Sir

We have shipped  
to the U.S. Mint, to day, another  
Cask of 5-cent blanks &  
per Memorandum below & remain  
as ever  
Yours Respectfully  
Holmes Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of 5-cent blanks shipped  
to the U.S. Mint August 21<sup>st</sup> 1866  
by Holmes Booth & Hayden  
Cask "11" — 650½ lbs  
By R.R.<sup>c</sup> & Union Line  
as usual



Watbury Aug 20 1866

Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 18th is at hand & we enclose Your Duplicate Bill for 5000 Shells — The apay for report as 24.3 is lower than we had anticipated on any you had than we — It must be that either the Shell is quite irregular in its degree of purity or that some escaped in some way in our process than we are aware of — In consequence of what you remarking in your favor of the 10th we reduced the quantity of Shell to 25<sup>00</sup> but we think those which you found to apay but 24.3 were cast before we reduced the quantity — We suppose we have enough cast for the quantity you have ordered also we should go back to 26<sup>00</sup> or 26½ from which we should not have deviated except as we got the news from you of the 10th that it was desirable — We have no means of knowing the purity of our Shell nor how much Shell our casters loose & hence there is no certainty in making a gross per cent when apayed but to allow somewhat largely for both these liabilities to our order — We hope to send the balance of the second order during this week — As you did not give us the amt of freight paid on the first lot you can if you please deduct it from the bill —

Very Respectfully Yours  
J C Booth

Hobbs & Booth May 29 1867



Memorandum of 5-cent blanks  
shipped to the U.S. Mint  
August 20<sup>th</sup> 1866 by  
Holmes, Booth & Hayden  
Cask #10 - 660½ lbs

By RR<sup>c</sup> to N.Y., from thence  
by Union Line to Phila



Watertown Aug 17. 1866  
Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

We have shipped  
to the U S Mint to day another  
Cask of Five Cent blanks as  
per Memorandum below

& remain  
Very Respectfully Yours  
Holmes Booth & Hayden  
11 abbot

Memorandum of Five cent blanks  
shipped to the U States Mint Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 1866  
by Holmes Booth & Hayden  
Cask #9 - 666 lbs

By RR to N York from thence  
by Union Line



U. S. Mint

Philada Aug. 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

Messrs. Fleetmann & Co.  
New York.

Dear Sirs,

Your favor of 17<sup>th</sup>

just recd.

We propose taking 4000 lbs. of  
the 99% Nickel, or more of it, unless  
you wish to retain some for your other  
customers, — and also 1000 lbs. of the  
95% — on the terms proposed viz.  
\$1.40 & \$1.33 Gold, payable in currency,  
calculated on the average reported  
premium on the day you receive this  
order, say Monday next, & deliverable  
here free of all charges.

Respectfully yours

J. C. Booth



New York Aug. 15. 1866.

Professor Jas. C. Booth  
United States Mint  
Philadelphia

Sir.

Your favor of yesterday has come to hand, and contents have been duly noted.

As the only document, showing that the master and Mr. R. D. State are duly authorized to conjointly sign the name of our firm by procurement, is deposited in one of our city Banks, we have chosen the other way to make the bills out, and herewith beg to hand you Duplicate invoices made out and receipted by J. B. Pinkhams, which we think will be satisfactory.

If you will be kind enough to state, whether you may want any more Nickel soon, we may be able to offer you another lot of 99%, and a few cases of 95% quality, which



4000

$$\begin{array}{r} 1.40 \\ 1.49 \frac{5}{8} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1175 \\ 700 \\ 1260 \\ 560 \\ 140 \\ \hline 209.475 \\ 4000 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 40 \overline{) 8379.0000} \\ \underline{209 \frac{19}{40}} \\ \end{array} \quad \$ 209.47 \frac{1}{2} \text{ per } 100.$$



New York Aug. 30. 1866.

Professor Jas. C. Booth.  
United States Mint  
Philadelphia

Dear Sir.

Your favor of the 18th  
inst. has come to hand. - As  
the want of our larger customers  
is supplied by monthly deliveries  
against their contracts, and our  
stock on hand of 9500, after filling  
your order, is large enough to  
help our smaller customers along  
for the present, we sent you the  
5000 of the better quality, in or-  
der to get a clean sweep. The  
12 cases have been forwarded by  
Union Line free of freight, and  
the Carriage in Philad<sup>a</sup> (50¢ per  
case according to your last re-  
port) has been deducted with  
currency \$6. - from the amount  
of the enclosed bill, for which  
please give no credit.  
According to your desire we  
have



added the average rate of to-  
day:  $48\frac{1}{2}\%$  +  $18\%$  Brokerage, at  
which Gold could be bought  
at 12 o'clock, for our bill.

He are,

Dear Sir,

Come over respectfully  
Joh. Fleitmann &  
J. Amkhand



New York Aug 17. 1866.  
Professor Jas. C. Booth  
United States Mint  
Philad<sup>a</sup>

Dear Sir.

We beg to acknowledge  
the receipt of your favor of the  
16<sup>th</sup> inst., covering check for  
Eighty three hundred and seventy  
five Dollars currency (\$8375.-)  
which has been used to square off  
our bill of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst., and for  
which please have our thanks.

Each Steamer from Europe  
brought us:

26000 Engl. 95% refined Nickel  
5000 " " 99% " do

which lots we herewith beg to  
offer you, subject to your answer  
by return of mail at the price  
of Gold \$2.33. net cash for the 95%,  
and Gold \$1.40 net cash for the 99%  
quality, duty paid, payable on re-  
ceipt and assay of the Nickel, and  
deliverable by us free of freight  
and



charges. If you should prefer to  
pay us the equivalents in currency,  
the Premium to be added as run-  
ning at the time of receipt of  
your order to cover.

In case you do not want  
both lots, either one is at your  
disposal, and we could furnish  
2000<sup>th</sup> out of the lot of the 99%  
at the price of ~~Debt~~ \$1.25 out  
cash, free in Bond here, if you  
prefer to receive it that way.

Hoping to receive your answer  
very soon by return of mail, we  
remain,

Dear Sir,

most respectfully yours  
J. H. Hartmann &  
J. H. Hartmann





New York Aug. 13. 1866.  
Professor Jas. C. Booth.  
United States Mint  
Philadelphia  
Sir

Your favor of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst.  
reached us this morning. We  
are very sorry, that the state of  
the Gold Market this A. M. does  
not enable us to cover our Gold  
bill at the rate of 48 1/2% Premium,  
but that we have to pay 49 1/2%  
and 1 1/2% Brokerage, and, consequently  
by we have made the bill out  
accordingly. The \$4.- Cartage  
paid by you, you will please  
deduct when you send your check.

As we make only a small commission  
on the sale of Nickel, and as we  
have to buy and pay the foreign  
Exchange in Gold coin, you will  
no doubt find it fair, that  
we charge you the rate ruling  
at the time, when we receive  
your letter with orders to alter  
the



Watbury Aug 16 1866

Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

Your favor of the 13th is at hand ordering an additional 5000<sup>—</sup> of the 5 cent blanks for which please accept ~~our~~ <sup>thanks</sup>. We shipped you one Cass yesterday made of the diameter of last sample & our men report a tolerably satisfactory uniformity of rotation weight in the individual pieces. We did not in the beginning succeed very well in respect to weight but think we shall hereafter manage that part about as well as it can be done outside of the mint when of course it can be done on account of your long experience better than any other else. In consequence of your remarks about the proportion of Nickel we are now weighing in a little less but will go back to 26 or 26 1/2 if at all desirable. We do not yet find any way to get them out very fast. This composition requires in our hands very slow rolling & annealing & we also find a good deal of hindrance in the cutting out, the punching & drawing, but a short time without repair & change. The Cass sent yesterday completing the first order for 5000 & furnishing some 400<sup>—</sup> on the second order. For memorandum of Cass sent yesterday please see next page. Very Respectfully Yours, J C Booth & Hays

We notice the assay run under 25% }  
we thought 26 1/2 Nickel would carry it a little }  
over 25 }  
for 4 Hays



Memorandum of Five Cent Banks shipped to the  
W. B. Hunt August 15<sup>th</sup> 1866 by  
Holmes, Dooth & Hayden

Cask #8 — 67 1/2 lbs  
By Rail Road to N.Y. By Union Line from N.Y.



Watbury Aug 13. 1866

Prof J B Dooth

Dear Sir

We hand you  
herewith, on another page,  
Memorandum of 5<sup>th</sup> blanks sent  
the U.S. Mint today.

The next lot of blanks that  
we shall send you, will  
conform in diameter to the new  
sample which we received  
with your esteemed favor  
of Aug 10<sup>th</sup>.

Very Respectfully Yours

Johns Dooth & Haydnes

b. Abbott

over



Memorandum of Five cent Bank  
shipped to the W. B. Mint Aug 13. 1866  
by Holmes, Booth & Hayden  
Cask 7 - 66 1/2 lbs



U.S. Mint. Phila

Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

Messrs. Fleitmann & Co.

New York

Dear Sir,

Altho' we have, in all our purchases of nickel for Gold, allowed only the Gold Premium reported on the day the assay was made, yet, in consideration of the purity of your Nickel, the Director allows your charge.

It will however be necessary for you, either, to have a Power of Attorney, authorizing you to sign for Fleitmann & Co., certified before a Commissioner, — or, to make out Duplicated Bills by <sup>for</sup> one of the parties signing, who shall receipt the same, & omit all mention of Fleitmann's name, unless you choose to say "4000 lbs. Fleitmann & Co's Ref<sup>d</sup> Nickel, &c."

Respectfully yours  
Jas C Booth



**WALTER FREEMAN, AGENT.**

Office, No. 226 South Delaware Avenue.

PHILADELPHIA,

ATG 6

1866.

*W. S. Mint*  
**To Camden & Amboy R. R. & Transportation Co, Dr.**

*For Freight from }  
New-York, on }*

*8 Cans 4395*

*Paid*

*Rusty*

Payable in Bankable Funds.

*Received Payment for the Company,*



New York August 6/66.

James Collack Esq  
Director of the U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia  
Sir.

Your favor of the 4<sup>th</sup> inst.  
has come to hand. Although  
our price for Nickel is under-  
stood loco New York we accept  
your offer, and have shipped this  
day by Union Line free of freight  
4000 Bengl. 99% Nickel as per in-  
closed bill, for which please credit  
us with

Sold \$5600. - net cash  
and oblige  
Sir

Yours most respectfully  
J. H. Munnell  
J. H. Munnell



Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> '6

Messrs. Fleitmann & Co.

Dear Sirs

We have assayed the Nickel, rec<sup>d</sup> from you, & find it to be 98% pure, which is near enough to the alleged standard. We paid the Portage from the Wharf, amounting to \$4.00. The price of Gold yesterday, when the assay was completed, was \$1.48½. You will therefore please make out duplicate bills, receipted by the firm<sup>only</sup>, as follows:

U. S. M.

to H. & Co. Dr

To 4000 lbs. Nickel @ \$2.07½ = \$8312.00

When the receipted duplicates are received, shall the proceeds be sent by Express, or by Check per mail?

Respectfully yours

J. H. Booth

Melter & Refiner





New York August 6 1866  
 11 United States Street  
 Bought of **FLEITMANN & CO.**  
 Late FLEITMANN & WIERSS,

Importers of German, French & English Goods,

TERMS CASH.

Nos. 58 & 60 READE ST., West of Broadway.

shipped by Union Line, freight paid

1<sup>st</sup> 1362 1363 } 8 cases in 500 g  
1364 1420 } = 4000 g 99% suff. thick. 1. to 500  
1424 1425 }  
1426 1427 } new cash Gold  
payable on receipt  
away of the nickel.



Walterburg Aug 10 1866  
Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

Please say by  
return mail if we shall continue sending  
the 5 cent blanks after the first order for  
5000<sup>m</sup> shall be complete. We are  
improving so far as uniformity of weight is  
concerned but we do not find that we  
can get them fast as we anticipated.  
Suppose we have enough iron cast to  
make up the 5000<sup>m</sup> but shall we shall  
continue casting till we hear from you.  
to prevent any loss of time should you order  
more. If you shall decide not to order  
more please telegraph or let of this that  
we may stop casting.

Respectfully Yours  
Hobart Booth Hayden  
per J Hobart



Memorandum of Five Cent Blank  
Shipped the 26<sup>th</sup> of August Aug 10<sup>th</sup> 1866  
by Holmes, Booth & Hayden

Cask #6 - 684 lb By Express





New York Aug 10 1866

Hon Jas Pollock  
U.S. Mint

Sir

Enclosed please find  
Bill Lading for 39/42 Iron Bars Nickel  
forwarded by direction of Mr Joseph Wharton  
The Transportation Co will deliver them at the  
Mint upon arrival

Mr Wharton being absent from  
Philadelphia - inform me that the freight & Drayage  
can be settled by Professor Booth

Yours Respectfully  
Robt Haydock



Watertown Aug 7. 1866  
Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

We have, today,  
shipped the Wf Mint, another cask  
of Five Cent Blank, as per  
Memorandum below, & remain

Very Respectfully Yours

Colman Booth & Hayden  
*in attest*

"  
Memorandum of Five Cent Blank, shipped to the  
Wf Mint August 7<sup>th</sup> 1866 by  
Colman Booth & Hayden  
Cask #4 - 697 lbs  
By Express"



Waterbury Aug 8. 1866  
Prof J. C. Booth  
Dear Sir

We have, today,  
shipped the W. M. H. by Express,  
another Cart of Five cent blanks,  
as per Memorandum below, and  
remain

Very Respectfully, Yours  
Solms Booth & Hayden  
Pratt

Memorandum of Five cent blanks  
shipped to the W. M. H. August 8<sup>th</sup>, 1866  
by Solms Booth & Hayden  
Cart 5 - 683 lbs

By Express

Over



Pf  
Most of the Blanks sent you  
to day were cut since  
we received your orders  
to increase the weight  
two grains, aiming at 79 grains

Yours Truly  
A B & H



New York Aug 3 1862

Mr Jas L. Booth

Dear Sir

Your favor  
of the 2<sup>nd</sup> inst is at hand  
contg ck for \$2127 <sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
for which please accept ours  
Thanks

We have no more nickel  
on hand at present but expect  
some to arrive shortly of which  
I will advise. Yours Truly

C Robbin

per W D Gehman



Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>

6

Mr C Robins

New York.

Dear Sir

I enclose herewith  
my check for \$2127 <sup>70</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars  
proceeds of bill for Nickel.

If you have other lots of  
Nickel, at the same rate, please  
inform me.

Respectfully yours  
J A C Booth



Watbury Aug 1<sup>st</sup> 1866  
Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

Below we hand  
you memorandum of weight of  
One Cask five cent blanks  
Shipped the Wf Mint today  
✓ We shall send you  
another Cask Friday this week

Yours Respectfully  
Holmes Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of one Cask five cent blanks,  
Shipped the Wf Mint Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1866 by H B Hayden  
1 Cask #1 — by 7 1/2 lbs  
By Rail Road to N.Y. From Thence by Union Line



Walsbury Aug 6. 1866

Prof I. C. Booth

Dear Sir

On another page  
please find Memorandum of another cast kindly  
sent you by express to day.

Your favor of the  
4th inst is at hand — will follow your  
suggestions in regard to increase of weight & also  
your instructions relative to amt of Pickle —

We think we shall now in two or  
three days be able to furnish them with  
far accuracy as to relative weight —

Respectfully Yours  
Hobbs, Booth & Hayden  
for I Hobbs



Waterbury August 4 1866

Prof I C Booth

Dear Sir

We sent you this morning by Express one cask blank as per Memorandum on another page — We incur the extra cost of Express from the fact that we have got so far behind & will send in this way for the future unless we are able to finish them with more rapidity & send in larger lots —

In our former operations with the one & two cent blanks we cast them in strips or bars wide enough to cut three & four rows of blanks from each bar but we found in this composition that the two inside rows of blanks would be enough thicker than the outside rows to make a wide variation in the weight which we found it impossible to overcome in the rolling, & had not only the mortification of disappointing you but the cost of remelting the principal part of the product of six or eight days with the hindrance of waiting for a new set of moulds — The moulds will be done & at work within two or three days when we trust we shall be able to get them much more accurate than those sent so far — We are using 26  $\frac{1}{2}$  <sup>oz</sup> Vickers metal to 75 <sup>oz</sup> copper & if it was for ordinary work could get over it with tolerable rapidity but having to work to such a new point of weight making the process of rolling & annealing



very slow all through but we do not know why  
we shall not soon be getting them out in a satisfactory  
way having nothing to report but the time consumed  
we have given you — I shall send you another  
case Monday —

Respectfully Yours  
Robt. B. Booth Hayden  
per J. W. W. W.



Memorandum of Five cent Blanks sent to the  
United States Mint August 11<sup>th</sup> 1866  
by Holmes, Booth & Hayden  
Casts #2 - 683½ lbs

By Express



Mutter's & Refiner's Correspondence

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August. 1866

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Copy. U.S. Mint

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1866.

Hon Hugh McCulloch  
Secy of the Treasury,  
Sir.

The usual monthly count  
and examination made at the close of  
business yesterday the 31<sup>st</sup> ult. exhibited the  
following balances in the hands of the  
Treas. of the Mint, viz,

|                |                            |
|----------------|----------------------------|
| In Gold        | 370. 508. 00               |
| " Silver       | 53. 566. 59                |
| Ordinary A/c   | 39. 962. 08                |
| Cent "         | 407. 634. 68               |
| Br Mt San Fran | 7. 503. 92                 |
| " " Denver,    | 1 370. 88,                 |
|                | <hr/> Total \$880. 546. 15 |

Corresponding with the balance as stated on that  
Officers books of a/c, Examination was at the same time  
made into the general condition and working of the Mint and  
It was ascertained that the business of the Institution



was conducted in a careful and  
satisfactory manner,

Very Respectfully  
Jas Pollock  
Director

To  
Messrs. Treasury  
Monthly Council  
& Communications  
from July 1866  
August 1. 1866



Copy,

U.S. Mint

August 1<sup>st</sup> 1866.

Hon Hugh McCulloch,

Secy of the Treasury,

Sir,

Pursuant to law, and the regulations of the Dept I made examination at the close of business yesterday the 31<sup>st</sup> ult, of the books, accounts and monies on hand in the Office of the Asst Treas of the U.S. at Phila, and found a balance of \$9,156, or 8,36, which corresponds with his statement of account for that day, In the foregoing the following was counted as cash, Pay,

Certificates of Temporary Loan \$763,317.24,  
Very Respectfully  
Jas. Pollock  
Director



To Secty Treas  
Examination of  
books, accounts  
and monies on  
hand in office  
of Act. Treas. U.S.  
at Philada. for  
the month of  
July 1866

August 1. 1866

August 1866-



PHOTO  
CITY

Richmond Va  
Aug 2<sup>nd</sup>/66  
Supr. & Sot Mint  
Philden

Sir I have to the  
honor to request you to inform  
my proper way of procedure  
in sending silver to the mint  
as I have a number of O.S. I  
wish to send to your mint.

Very Respectfully  
Your Obedt. Servant  
Samuel B Bancroft  
formerly U.S. Army

P.S.  
My silver is Watch cases, spoons &c  
S.B.B.



From

Samuel B. Banergh  
Richmond  
Va

How to send Silver Bulletin  
for Comap.

Ans by Circular

August 4. 1866



New York Aug. 2 1866.  
James Pollock Esq.  
Director of the U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia

Sir.

We herewith beg to offer  
you 3000 to 4000 lb single 99% re-  
fined Nickel at the price of  
Gold \$1.40 net cash, duty paid.  
Besides this lot, which is on shore,  
we have in Bond 4 cases @ \$1000  
each, of the same quality, which  
we can let you have at Gold \$1.25  
free in Bond here, and which can  
be withdrawn as soon as free per-  
mit is granted.

Please inform us at your ear-  
liest convenience whether you want  
either of these lots, and believe us,  
Sir,

Yours most respectfully  
J. H. Steinhilber  
J. H. Pinkham



From & To,

Leitmann & Co

New York

Offering 3 or 4000,  
lb Nickel at \$1.25  
gold or its equivalent,  
se,

Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 66,



Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, August 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

Gents,

Yours of the 2<sup>d</sup> inst  
offering from 3 to 4000 lbs  
eng<sup>d</sup> 99% refined Metal, <sup>at 140,</sup> or  
its equivalent, duty paid &c, has  
been received, We will take  
3 or 4000 lbs, delivered here  
free of freight &c, on the terms  
of offer, If this is accepted send  
at once as other offers on equal  
terms are pending &c,

Yours truly  
J. A. B. B. B.  
Director

To Messrs.  
Hestmann & Co  
New York  
City



August 4<sup>th</sup> 6.

Hon J. C. Spruance  
Treas. of the U.S.  
Sir,

Your letter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> inst  
enclosing your check on the U.S. Treas.  
at Philadelphia for \$1000, for that amount  
in five cent coin, has been recd, and we  
to day forward them per Express, to your  
address.

Yours Respectfully  
J. A. Folger  
Director,



*W. H. A.*  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington August 3<sup>d</sup> 1868

Sir:

I enclose my check on the Treas. Treasurer of  
the U.S. at Philadelphia for \$1,000. Will you  
please send me same amount in new five cent  
coin?

Very Respectfully,

*E. D. Pinney*  
Treasurer U.S.

James Collock Esq.  
Director of the Mint,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



From

Hon F. E. Spinner

Treas. U. S.

Augt 3/66 Recd dep for  
\$ 1000 on 5<sup>th</sup> of cond &  
some day sent coin as  
ordered

J. P.



Hartington, Berkeley Co. W. Va. Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866.

Sir:

Enclosed please find a small quantity of Anth H. which I would be gratified to have examined and if valuable a statement from you of the Character of the Metall it contains Value ~~It~~ will be greatly received and lay me under <sup>under many</sup> an obligation to you.

Very Respectfully Yours,

I add —

Benjamin F. Barsey, Esq.,  
Hartington, W. Va.,

Superintendent U. S. Mines;

Philadelphia, Pa.

Benjamin F. Barsey Esq  
Hartington Pa

Your letter, with mineral recd.

The dust ore sent is iron pyrites, or sulphur  
or iron — of no value & contains no one of the  
precious metals.

Yours Truly  
J. H.



From & To  
B J Baeszydor  
Martinsburg

W von  
Enclosing ~~the~~ return  
of one of our answers  
within.

Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 66



August 4<sup>th</sup> 6

Gentl.

Your letter, with specimen  
of ore has been received.

In reply I have to say, that  
it is "iron pyrites," or sulphuret  
of iron, of no value, and con-  
tains no precious metals,

Yours truly  
J. W. W. W.  
Director

To, Messrs.  
Benjamin & Baesey & Co  
Baltimore  
Md.



Weaversville. Northampton  
Co Pa

Hon J Pollock

Dear Sir

Enclosed find  
\$ 5.25 in mutilated Curren-  
cy as foll

|    |         |           |
|----|---------|-----------|
| 33 | 5 ct pr | 1.65      |
| 16 | 10 "    | 1.60      |
| 6  | 25 "    | 1.50      |
| 1  |         | <u>50</u> |

for which please send  
me per Express <sup>to</sup> <sup>new</sup>  
Catasangua of the 5 cent  
Coin.

Respt Yours  
W. S. Weaver

We do not send by Express less  
than \$ 50 in 5<sup>ct</sup> coin, per  
your currency of  $5\frac{25}{100}$  is herewith  
returned as mutilated currency



is not redeemed at the U. S.  
Mint; sent by Am N. B. Browne  
Assistant Treasurer. U. S.,  
Philadelphia, to whom all  
such currency must be sent

Yours &  
J. Pollock Dir



From & To,

W. J. Weaver

Weaverville

Pa

Enclosing \$5.25 in  
postage currency  
to be exchanged for  
5 or piece, money  
returned, see answer  
within,

August 4<sup>th</sup> 66



Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 61.

W T Weaver Esq  
Weaverville Pa

Sir,

I herewith return  
the \$5.25 in postage currency  
enclosed in your letter of  
the recent date, as we do not  
send by Express less than \$50. in  
5¢ coin, free, nor is mutilated  
currency redeemed at the Mint.  
but the Hon A B Brown, Asst  
Treas of the U.S in this City, to  
whom all such currency must  
be sent,

Yours truly  
J A Pollock  
Director



U. S. Mint

Philadelphia August 6. 1866

Jon. Hugh McCulloch  
Secretary U. S. Treasury  
Sir

I have to request that the Collector  
of the Port of New York be instructed  
to admit free of duty the following  
shipped for use of the U. S. Mint.

4 Cases Nickel marked R. Maydock  
U. S. Mint. Nos. 39 to 42. Shipped  
per Steamer Virginia, Bill of Lading  
dated January 18. 1866

Very respectfully  
(Signed) Gust Pollock  
Director



To  
Lecty Treasury  
Requesting permis-  
sion to enter free  
of duty at Port  
of New York, 4  
cases nickel shipped  
for use of U S Mint

Aug 5. 1866



Treasury Department,

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1866.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6<sup>th</sup> inst. \_\_\_\_\_, to the Secretary, requesting the admission, free of duties and charges, of 4 Cases of tickel, marked "R. Haydock, U. S. Mint, No's 39 to 42"

imported for the use of the U. S. Mint, at Philadelphia \_\_\_\_\_, in the Steamer "Virginia", at the port of New York \_\_\_\_\_, from \_\_\_\_\_ ?

The Collector of Customs at that port has been instructed accordingly.

I am, very respectfully,

W<sup>m</sup> E. Chandler  
Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

To Hon James Pollock  
Director U. S. Mint  
Phila. Pa.



From  
Lecty. Treacy

Granting permission  
to Enter free of duty  
4 Cases of nickel  
at Port of n.y.

Aug 9. 1866



Royal Mint  
Bullion Office  
August 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir

I have the honor  
to forward a specimen  
of the Hong Kong Dollar.  
(Sizes 1.508 in. 1.51 in.  
Standard guage.  
Weight 416 gr. .8666 of Troy.  
Standard .900  
Br. Do .925

The Mint has been  
in operation since  
May 1<sup>st</sup>, and up to  
this date has coined  
for the banks in this  
Colony.

The silver sent  
in for firemelting  
being for the most  
part Mexican and  
Spanish Dollars —

The Master  
of the Mint  
Philadelphia.

a



a small quantity of  
Java guilders .9445  
and Japan Syceboos  
being coined for  
experiment, also Sy-  
cer Silver which  
varies as follows  
.958 <sup>B</sup>.13½ .989 <sup>B</sup>1.1.

A great many  
difficulties were encoun-  
tered at first, but  
nearly all have been  
surmounted

We shall shortly  
commence coining  
half dollars - twenty  
ten, and five cent  
pieces - the three last  
subsidiary coins  
being of a lower stand-  
ard than the dollar  
and



Mint of the United States  
April 12 1867

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of August 11, 1866, accompanying a casket containing two silver dollars of the Royal Mint at Hong Kong. ~~The~~ <sup>The</sup> vacancy in the Directorship of the Mint of the United States for some time past, has ~~presented~~ <sup>delayed</sup> ~~an earlier~~ acknowledgment of your courtesy, and of the very handsome present, which has been placed in the Museum of coins and ores, in this Institution. You will please to accept my thanks for the same, and for the details stated in your letter.

The standard weight of our dollar is  $412\frac{1}{2}$  grains, and the fineness 900 thous<sup>ths</sup>. The lower denominations are of the same fineness, but of less proportional weight, namely; the half dollar is 192 grains or 8 dwts; and smaller pieces <sup>are</sup> in proportion.

I take the liberty to send ~~by this~~ <sup>herewith</sup> ~~now~~ the last ~~printed~~ Annual Report of the operations of this Mint, in which you will I hope find many details of interest.

I send also, two silver dollars of



our coinage, of the present year, agreeably to your desire. I shall be glad to receive the subsidiary coins of Hong Kong Mint, and if you wish it, will also send similar specimens from this Mint.

I should ~~be glad~~ <sup>like</sup> to be informed, whether the assays of your silver are done in the humid way, or by cupellation.

A British Mint, <sup>established</sup> upon the coast of a great commercial nation like China, must soon become an important institution; and I should be very well pleased to open and maintain an <sup>occasional</sup> correspondence both official and friendly, with a view to exchanging facts and statistics, and specimens of coinage. We have repeatedly been favored with such transmissions from the British Mints in India; and our Assay office is in friendly correspondence with the same office in the Royal Mint at London, no doubt with mutual advantage.

I will ask you to inform me, whether the Hong Kong dollars, of your Mint, will be freely received by the Chinese, who have always been so shy of coins wearing a new face. Also, whether our silver dollars are current there; and the same as to the Maximilian dollars of Mexico. These last maintain the



fineness, being up to  $902\frac{1}{2}$  by assay of a large number of pieces here; but their weight appears not to average over  $413\frac{1}{3}$  grains.

You will excuse my making use of your casket for holding the two dollars sent, as ~~they~~<sup>it</sup> happens to fit exactly. Our diameter is 1.5 inches, yours 1.51.

I have the honor to be, Sir,  
your obed<sup>t</sup> servant

Edouard L. Le Ferrié Eng.  
Master of the Royal Mint,  
Hong Kong, China.



J. Clarence Le Ferrié Esq.  
Charlestown, Mass.

Sir,

I have this day  
despatched to your care, by Express, a package  
for Edouard L. Le Ferrié Esq., Master of the  
Royal Mint at Hong Kong; who gave me your  
address for that purpose. I regret the delay  
which has happened in this business, which I  
found <sup>unfinished</sup> ~~upon my table~~ upon my accession  
to the Directorship, and now take ~~almost~~  
the first opportunity to make a suitable  
return for ~~that~~ <sup>an</sup> act of courtesy which I  
highly appreciate.

I am very respectfully



and half dollar.

I have the honor  
to request an American  
Dollar for the  
Museum of Coins at  
this Mint which  
you will please  
send to Mr J. Clarence  
Le Fèvre, Char-  
lestown, Massa-  
chusetts, U. S. A.  
who will forward  
it to Hong Kong

I shall send the  
subsidiary coins  
as soon as they  
are issued.

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your most obedient Servant

Edouard L. Le Fèvre



Royal Mint  
Hong Kong  
Aug 11<sup>th</sup> 86

Ed. L. Le Perre

Enclosing copy of Hong-  
Kong dollar and descri-  
bing operations of Royal-  
Mint &c. Answers &c.



No. 1034

Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S.

Philadelphia, Aug 14, 1866

I Certify, That

N B Browne  
Cashier of Mint

has this day deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S.,  
Three hundred thousand Dollars,  
on account of Profit on 1, 2, 3, & 5 Cent  
Coinage

for which I have signed triplicate receipts.

\$200,000

M B Browne

M. A. Rees, Stationer, N. E. cor. 4th and Walnut Streets.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.



A.P.  
A.M.  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington August 11 1866

Sir:

I sent you on the 2<sup>d</sup> ultimo, a package containing about \$15 in foreign coin. Will you please deposit the value of it with the Assist Treasurer in your city, requesting him to credit my "coin transfer account," and advise me of having done so, and the amount deposited?

Very Respectfully,

E. A. Munn  
Treasurer U.S.

Credited  
\$14.40

James Pollock Esq.,  
Director of the Mint,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



From

Am F. E. Spinner

Treas. U.S.

concerning old Foreign  
Coins of 15. sent for exchange  
into American Coin.

Principal 14  $\frac{46}{100}$  Cent

August 14. 66.

Calculation of value  
written. P

Also Certificate of Deposit  
with Asst. Treasurer.

Aug 11. 1866



United States Treasury,

Philadelphia, August 14 1866

This is to Certify that James Pollock  
Director U S Mint Phil<sup>a</sup> has this day  
deposited to the Credit of Transfer  
account of F E Spruins Treas<sup>r</sup> US  
Fourteen dollars 40/100 proceeds of  
Foreign Coin

\$14.40/100 Coin

S B Brown  
Asst. Treas<sup>r</sup> U.S.



Valuation of a small lot of coins  
from Treasurer Spinner

|   |                                                               |         |
|---|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| 1 | 20 franc piece, gold                                          | \$ 3.85 |
| 6 | Spanish & Mexican dollars,<br>one of them a "hammered" dollar | 6.25    |

|    |                                                                 |                         |
|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 8  | British shillings                                               | 1.72                    |
| 13 | pieces miscellaneous, standard,<br>2.10 ozs at $122\frac{1}{2}$ | 2.58<br><del>3.80</del> |

\$ 15.62  
14.40

U.S. Mint  
Aug. 13. 1866

WES



Comdr. Sept 4 1866.

Valuation of Foreign  
Coin sent by Am  
J. C. Spinner, U.S. Bank  
(\$15) for conversion into  
American Coin  
August 13/66.



Copy,

U. S. Mint

August 14<sup>th</sup> 64

Hon J. E. Spinner

Treasurer of the U. S.

Sir:

Yours of the 11<sup>th</sup> inst as  
also package of Foreign Coins, of about \$15, sent  
on the 2<sup>d</sup> inst have been rec'd,  
No instructions accompanied the package and  
not until your letter rec'd this morning did  
we know whence it came. As requested we  
have deposited the proceeds \$14<sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> with the  
Appt Treas in this City and herewith enclose  
Certificate of Deposit showing account to which  
it has been credited,

Very Respectfully,

J. A. Pollock

Director



To  
Treas. U. S.

Acknowledging receipt  
of letter of 11<sup>th</sup> inst.  
and package of Foreign  
Coin of about \$15.  
sent on the 2<sup>d</sup> inst.

Have deposited proceeds  
\$14. <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> with the Asst  
Treas Phil, and enclose  
Certificate of Deposit.

Chas. B. 1866



Copy,

U.S. Mint

August 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch,

Secy of the Treas.

Sir

I have the honor herewith to request, that you will issue your warrant in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint for the sum of Forty two thous and eight hundred seventy five dollars, \$42,875, being one quarter of the appropriation made for the support of this Institution for the 3<sup>d</sup> Tr of the Fiscal year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 1866, as follows,

|                                                                                                |          |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Salaries, <sup>April, 66</sup> <del>secy</del> not making appropriation for deficiencies, paid | \$ 9,125 |
| Wages of Workmen and Adjusters,                                                                | 31,250   |

Incidentals

2,500  
\$42,875

I will cause the sum of \$300,000 to be transferred from our Ct Ac to the Aft Trs at Phila to meet the warrant that may be drawn,

Very Respectfully

Wm Pollock, Director



To  
Secty. Treasry

Reimbursement of 21.  
D. Mint for \$42.875  
for 3<sup>d</sup> Tr. Fiscal Year  
ending June 30. 1866

Aug. 14. 1866



**Adams Express Company,**  
GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN & SOUTHERN  
**EXPRESS FORWARDERS.**

**Office of the Superintendent,**

**320 Chestnut Street.**

Hon. Jas. Pollock Philadelphia, August 13<sup>th</sup> 1866.  
Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

In reply to yours of the  
10th inst. asking for rates on bullion  
from St. Louis to Philad<sup>a</sup> and thence,  
after coinage to New York, I submit the  
following:

By our contract with the Secretary of  
the Treasury (a copy of which I send  
herewith, and which when you have  
read, you will please return to me,) our  
company is entitled to the transportation  
of all such matter for the Government  
within the territory of this company.  
at the following rates: viz From St. Louis



to Philad<sup>a</sup> 1035 miles, at one quarter of a cent per mile for (\$1000.) one thousand dollrs. say \$2.59. From Philad<sup>a</sup> to New York, one hundred miles (100) at one half a cent per mile for one thousand dollars (1000) say 50c per \$1000. Thus making the whole charge from St. Louis to New York \$3.09 per thousand dollars for the entire service on gold. On silver coin, and bullion, at twice the gold rate. Freight payable in specie draft, or coin.

The above is in strict conformity with the contract with Secy McCullough, and I sincerely hope you will use your influence to secure to our company this business at St. Louis; which rest assured will be fully appreciated.

Yours Respectfully  
John Bingham, Esq  
Pm<sup>a</sup> Division



From

(23)

Adams Express Co

Phil:

Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>

Rec'd

making an offer for trans-  
portation of bellows &c. St. Louis  
& Phil, thence to N. York



U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1866/AUGUST

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1866 / SEPTEMBER







*W.D.*  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington August 16 1866

*Sir:*

I hand you herewith my check, on the Assistant  
Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia, for \$1.000.  
Will you please send me same amount in five  
cent coin?

Very Respectfully,

*E. A. Tamm*  
Treasurer U.S.

James Pollock Esq.  
Director of the Mint,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



Hon. J. E. Spinner,  
Treas. U. S.

Washington,

Aug. 16 - enclosing draft  
of \$1000, for 5ct coin.

Ans'd, and coin sent  
on Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

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" J.E.S.



Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Sir,

The U. S. Express name a rate for bullion from Topeka & Leavenworth to St. Louis at so much a mile but do not mention the distances. Please let me know (by the bearer if convenient) what these distances are, and oblige

Yours sincerely  
R. Patterson

Col.

John Bingham

Adams Express Co.

From Topeka to Leavenworth by River 90 miles

" Leavenworth to St Joe " 50

" St Joe to St Louis by Rail 305

about 445 miles

John Bingham



(25)

Col Bingham destination  
in India, Aug 17/66



*W. A. G. A. S.*  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington August 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Sir:

I have received yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> instant, in which you advise having sent, by Adams Express Company, the \$1,000 in five cent coin, ordered in mine of the 6<sup>th</sup> instant. The coin has also been received.

Very Respectfully,

*W. A. G. A. S.*  
Treasurer

James Pollock Esq.

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pa.



From

Hon<sup>d</sup> J. E. Spennier

Treas<sup>r</sup> of the U. S  
acknowledging the  
receipt of \$1000, in  
five 20 coin orders  
in his letter of  
the 16<sup>th</sup> inst.

August 20<sup>th</sup> 66



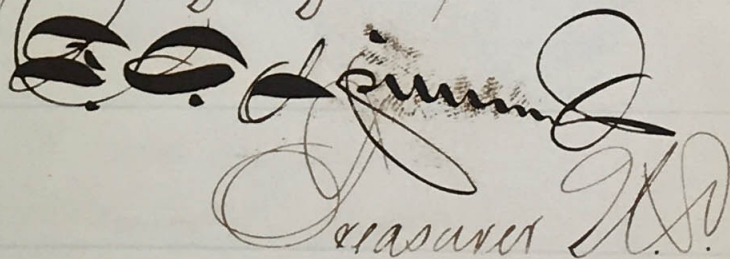
U.S.  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington August 27 1868

Sir:

I enclose my check on the Assistant Treasurer  
of the U.S. at Philadelphia for \$1.000. Will you  
please send me same amount in new five cent coin?

Very Respectfully,

  
Treasurer U.S.

James Pollock Esq.  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



Hon J. E. Spinner.

Treas. U. S. Washington, D.C.

Enclosing check of \$1000, for  
5 ct. coin, Aug 27-66,

Coin sent in full

Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 1866.  
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W. m. m.

Treasury Department.

September 26<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Sir:

I am directed by the Secretary to forward to you herewith for your examination and report thereon, a communication from C. Joseph Wirth, transmitting a certain metallic composition (also herewith,) of which he alleges he is the inventor, and for which he claims qualities superior to any in use, for coinage purposes.

Very Respectfully.

L. T. Huntley

Asst. Secretary of the Treasury

Wm. Willward, Esq.

Director of the U. S. Mint

Philadelphia, Pa.



From & To.

Asst Secy of Treasury  
Washington

Enclosing sample of  
metal minted by  
C. J. Wirth, and en-  
closing Report of Prof  
Booth on the subject.

Oct 2<sup>d</sup> 1866.

Correspondence  
U. S. Mint - also of  
Branch Mints.

October 1866,



Copy,

U. S. Mint

August 29<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch  
Secy of the Treasury,  
Sir

I have the honor to inform  
you that I <sup>this day</sup> directed the Treasurer of the  
U. S. Mint to deposit with the Asst Treasurer  
of the U. S. in this City to the credit of the Treas  
of the U. S. the sum of \$175,000 from our Cent  
Account, and the deposit has been made,

Very Respectfully  
J. A. Pollock

Director



To  
Secty. Treasury  
Informing him  
that he has directed  
the Treas. U. S. Mint  
to deposit this day  
with the asst  
Treas. U. S. at Philad.  
to the credit of the  
Treas. U. S. \$75.000  
from the Cent act.

Aug. 29. 1866



No. 1658

Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S.

Philadelphia Aug 29 1866

I Certify, That

TRIPPLICATE. Treasurer U. S. Mint  
has this day deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the U. S.,  
TRIPPLICATE. One hundred & seventy five thousand <sup>100</sup> Dollars,  
on account of Profits over 1. 2. 3. & 5 -

Cent coinage  
for which I have signed triplicate receipts.

\$175,000

M. A. Rees, Stationer, N. E. cor. 4th and Walnut Streets.

W. B. Brownie  
Assistant Treasurer U. S.



Williamport Pa. Aug. 30/66  
Mr. Jas Pollock. Philada

Dear Sir.

Mr. Matteson of our  
firm left with you an order for us  
for \$500.00 in five Cent pieces on the  
24<sup>th</sup> inst.

Please to hold the order  
till you hear further from us. They  
are to be forwarded to different parties  
and we are awaiting advice from  
them.

By so doing I will oblige

Respectfully Yours  
W L Rudy & Co  
J. J. C.



Thom & Co

Wm L Purdy & Co

Wills and Sons

Informing them that no  
order was left at the  
Mint by Mr Matheson  
for small coin, &c

Sept 4, 66



Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 6

Wm L. Peck & Co  
Williamsport Pa  
Gents

Your letter of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult  
is at hand,

Mr. Mattinson was here a few  
days since but left no order  
for small coin, as we require  
the money deposited before send-  
ing the coin. It requires a week  
or two to fill an order, but  
if you will remit us the amt  
desired we will forward to  
you <sup>or wherever desired</sup> the coin at once, as we  
have done frequently before.

I do not pay till to my order, as  
I understand, will answer.

Yours truly  
Jas. Peck & Co



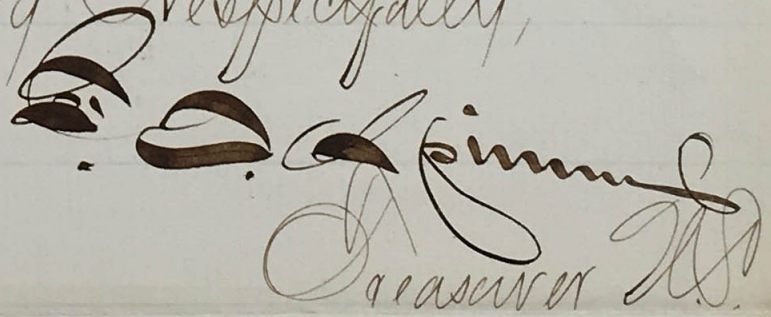
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W.H.  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington August 29 1868

Sir:

I have received this day, per Adams Express Company, \$1.000 in new five cent coin, remitted by you in exchange for check enclosed in my letter of the 27<sup>th</sup> instant.

Very Respectfully,

  
James Pollock  
Treasurer U.S.

James Pollock Esq.

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia,

Pa.



From,  
Hon. J. E. Sumner  
Washington  
D.C.

Acknowledging the  
receipt of From in  
50¢ coin, as ordered  
in his letter of  
the 27<sup>th</sup> inst, enclosing  
draft,

Aug<sup>r</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 66



# UNITED STATES TREASURY.

No. 2710

I Certify, that *Philadelphia Aug 13, 1866*  
*A. J. Lawrence* In US Mnt

This day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States  
*Forty Three* <sup>12</sup>/<sub>100</sub>  
Dollars, on account of Internal Revenue Tax on Wages &  
*Cent age*

for which I have signed triplicate receipts

\$ 43. <sup>12</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

*A. J. Lawrence*  
Assistant Treasurer U.S.



# UNITED STATES TREASURY.

No. 2709

Philadelphia Aug 31 1866

I Certify, that *S B Brown* Debar *28 Munit*

this day deposited to the Credit of the Treasurer of the United States,

*One Hundred Twenty Nine* <sup>100</sup>  
Dollars, on account of Internal Revenue Tax on Wages &  
*Ordinary* *90*

for which I have signed triplicate receipts

\$ *199.16/100*

*S B Brown*  
Assistant Treasurer U.S.



Copy.

U.S. Mint

August Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch,

Secy of the Treasury Sir

The usual monthly count and examination made at the close of business yesterday the 31<sup>st</sup> ult exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint viz,

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| In Gold       | \$ 190,063.78 |
| " Silver      | 39,599.04     |
| Ordinary A/c. | 69,032.71     |
| Cent "        | 50,161.02     |

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| Br Mint San Fran | 7,503.92 |
|------------------|----------|

|            |          |
|------------|----------|
| " " Denver | 1,370.88 |
|------------|----------|

Total 357,731.35

corresponding with the balance as stated on that Officers books of a/c, Examination was at the same time made into the general condition and working of the Mint, and it was ascertained that the business of the Institution was conducted in a careful and satisfactory manner,

Very Respectfully, J. A. Pollock, Director



To  
Lecty. Treasry  
Monthly Count  
and Examination  
for August 1866-

Sept. 1. 1866



# Treasury Department,

REGISTER'S OFFICE,

*September 1<sup>st</sup> 1866.*

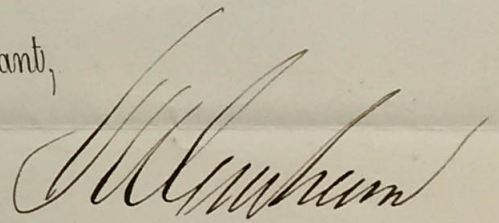
Sir:

I have the honor to request that the usual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1868, may be prepared at your office, and transmitted to this, as early as convenient, for the purpose of being laid by the Secretary of the Treasury before Congress at the ensuing session. I would invite your particular attention to the 14th section of the act of August 26, 1842, to the section of the act of 17th of June 1844, to the joint resolution of 7th January, 1846, relating to estimates to be laid before Congress, and 8th section of the act of 3d March, 1855.

In the references to the acts authorizing the expenditures of the sums estimated for, you are respectfully requested to refer to Little & Brown's edition of the Laws of the United States.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,



*A. L. Register*  
Actg<sup>y</sup> Register of the Treasury.

*Hon. James Pollock*  
*Director of the Mint*  
*Philadelphia*



From.

Register of Treasury

Requesting the Annual  
Estimates for fiscal  
year ending June 30<sup>th</sup>  
1868,

Sept 2<sup>d</sup> 1866,



Copy, U. S. Mint

Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1864

Hon Hugh McCulloch,  
Secy of the Treasury  
Sir

Pursuant to law and the regulations of the Dpt, I made examination at the close of business yesterday the 31<sup>st</sup> ult of the books, accounts and monies on hand in the Office of the Asst Treasurer of the U. S. at Phil<sup>a</sup>, and found a balance of \$14,371,250.19. less \$1,315,892.75, due him, money loaned on the credit and disbursed on account of the U. S. Govt.

In the foregoing the following was counted as cash  
Certificates of Temporary Loan \$9,025,846.93

Very Respectfully

J. A. Pollock

Director



To Secty. Treasury  
Examination of  
books, accounts,  
and monies on hand  
in office of asst.  
Treas. U.S. at Phila.  
for the month  
of August 1866.

Sept. 1. 1866.



W.H.

Treasury of the United States.

Washington Sept 1<sup>st</sup> 1868

Sir:

I have now with my check on the Assistant  
Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia, for \$1,000.  
Will you please send me same amount in new five  
cent coin?

Very Respectfully,

Wm. A. R. Garrison  
Treasurer U.S.

James Pollock Esq.  
Director of the Mint,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



Hon J. E. Spinner.

Treas. U. S. Washington.

Sep. 1<sup>st</sup> enclosing check  
on Asst. Treas. U. S. Phil<sup>a</sup>  
for \$1000, 5ct. coin,

Coin sent Sep. 3<sup>d</sup> 1866

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Correspondence  
U.S. Mint, also, of  
Branch Mints

September 1866.



*W.H.*  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington Sept. 4 1866

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 3<sup>d</sup> instant.  
I have also received, per Adams Express Company,  
the \$1,000 in five cent coin advised therein.

Very Respectfully,

*A. A. S.*  
Assistant

James Pollock Esq.  
Director of the Mint,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



Hon J. E. Spinner, Treas. U. S.  
Acknowledging receipt of  
\$1000 in five cent coin.

Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> 1866.

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W S Mint

Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch  
Secy of the Treasury.

Sir

Enclosed you will find  
Statement of Deposits & Coinage for  
the month of August 1866,

Yours Respectfully  
Jas. Pollock  
Director



To.  
Secy of Treasury  
Enclosing State-  
ment of Deposits &  
Carriage per month  
of August 1866  
Sept 4/66



Treasury Department.  
Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Sir

By direction of the Secretary  
the following nominations submitted in  
your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo, to be a tem-  
porary arrangement, is hereby approved.  
Geo. J. Gelleker now Cashier at <sup>\$2,000</sup> ~~\$1,800~~ per  
annum, to assume the duties of Chief  
Clerk in addition to his present duties,  
at \$2,500 per annum, vice Robt. Patterson  
(Chief Clerk) resigned.

N. B. Brown Esqr.

Asst. Treasurer of the U.S.

Philadelphia Pa

over



Henry S. Cochran now Deposit Clerk  
at \$1500 per annum to assist Mr. Dellaker  
in addition to his present duties, at a  
compensation of \$2000 per annum.

I am, very respectfully.

W<sup>m</sup> E. Chandler

Asst. Secretary of the Treasury.



Messrs Deller and  
Cochran will please

note - J. B. Dunning  
Treas. & Dir.



Oct: 200 6

Hon: Hugh McCulloch  
Sec: of the Treasury Sir

I hereby  
nominate for appointment as my Chief Clerk  
at the Mint, to fill the vacancy caused by  
the resignation of W. Patterson Esq; P. P. Allen,  
an experienced clerk in the Mint, at the salary  
of \$2,000 per annum and hereby request authority  
to assign the salary of \$2,500 per year to Geo:  
J. Decker, whom I desire to retain in the  
position of Pay Clerk. These changes to take  
effect on the first of November.

Respectfully  
Yr. Obedt. Servt.  
C. M. McGinn



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C  
N.E.C.  
Treasury Department.

November 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir:

Your letter of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst. is received, and in reply I have to request that you will consult with the Director and nominate Mrs. Jayman for such position in the Mint, as will best serve the interests of the Government, but before she enters upon duty, her appointment must be confirmed by the Dept.

Chambers M<sup>r</sup> Kibbin Esqr.

Treasurer of the Mint.

Philadelphia Pa

over



Her compensation to be the same as  
allowed to the other ladies in your  
office:

I am, very respectfully

Wm. C. C. C.

Secretary of Treasury.



<sup>14</sup>  
Jeyman



Treasury Department.

January 18 1868

Sir

Your letter of the 17<sup>th</sup> inst, in reply to mine of the 16<sup>th</sup> has been received, in which you state that I suggested that the contract for the supply of Nickel should be given to an American manufacturer.

You have evidently misconstrued my letter, as I suggested simply, that all contracts should be postponed for the present, to await any action that might be taken by Congress, and that in the mean time the supply of Nickel for the Mint, absolutely necessary to be used, should be obtained of some American Manufacturer, if it could be obtained at the same rate as the existing contract, the ~~existing~~ terms of which were supposed to be at the lowest market rate.

Inasmuch as the contracts for Nickel have heretofore been made by an Officer of the Mint, it



is not proposed to interfere with that custom, but it  
is suggested that such contract be postponed to await  
the action of Congress, if it can conveniently be done,  
and that the material be obtained meanwhile of some  
American Manufacturer if it can be had on as  
favorable terms as elsewhere.

Very Respectfully  
Wm. C. C. Nibben

Secretary of the Treasury

Wm C. C. Nibben

Treasurer of the Mint

Philadelphia Pa



Secretary Letter  
Nicks



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Treasury Department.

January 16<sup>th</sup> 1868.

As the subject of a change in the present duty on nickel is to be discussed, as I am informed, during the present session of Congress, I suggest, that for the present, the advertisement or circular for proposals for the supply of nickel for the Mint be withdrawn, and that such amounts as are necessary to be used in the mean time be purchased of some American Manufacturer if it can be obtained upon the same terms as are stated in <sup>the</sup> Mint Contract with Messrs Van Wert, May & Co.

Very Respectfully

Hon. C. McKibbin  
Treasurer of the Mint  
Philadelphia

John C. Spencer  
Secretary of the Treasury



Secretary of Treasury  
Nicks



Treasury Department.

May 26<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir:-

By direction of the Secretary. The compensation of Oliver D. Jones, Warrant Clerk, approved in Depts letter of the 24<sup>th</sup> inst. is hereby changed from \$1800 to \$1500 per annum. The latter being the compensation allowed his predecessor Mr. A. J. Miller.

I am, very respectfully

Wm. A. Richardson

Asst. Secretary

Geo. Cyser Esq  
Treas<sup>r</sup> U.S. Mint  
Philadelphia Pa.



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Treasury Department.

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir:

By direction of the Secretary. The following nominations submitted in your letters of the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. are hereby approved, viz:

James C. Eyster as Chief Clerk at \$2000 per annum, vice P. P. Breen resigned. To take effect May 13<sup>th</sup> 1869.

Oliver D. Jones as Warrant Clerk at \$1800 per annum, vice A. J. Miller resigned. To take effect May 6. 1869.

I am, very respectfully

Geo. Eyster Esq  
Treas<sup>r</sup> U.S. Mint  
Philadelphia Pa.

Wm. A. Richardson  
Asst<sup>y</sup> Secretary



From  
Secy of Treas. & Others  
In relation to plan  
of Mr E R Hall of  
New York, for prevent-  
ing defects in small  
coin,

Apr 10<sup>th</sup> 64



To  
Secty. Treasury.

Director's views  
on Mr. Hall's new  
system of Comage

Sept. 10. 1866.







W. m. m.  
Treasury Department.

August 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir,

In accordance with the recommendation contained in your letter of the 3<sup>d</sup> instant, Mr. Edwin Robert Hall has been authorized to communicate the details of his plan to abate defects in coining small United States Coin, either in person or by letter, to you for examination.

Should Mr Hall submit his  
plan

Mr. James Pollock.

Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia



plan accordingly, you will please report  
the result of your investigations to this  
Department,

Very respectfully  
Wm E. Chandler  
acting Secretary



Copy}

U S Mint, Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon Hugh McCulloch  
Secy of the U S Treasury,  
Sir

In a letter from Hon Wm E Chandler, Asst Secy of the Treas<sup>r</sup>, of the 8<sup>th</sup> inst I was informed that Mr Edward <sup>P</sup>Hall of New York, had been authorized to communicate the details of his plan to obviate defects in coining small U.S coin either in person or by letter to me for examination, In accordance with this Authority he did on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst by letter communicate his plan, drawings &c, A copy of his communication is hereby forwarded to you, We have given this plan a full and fair examination, and as a general result, say that ~~in no case~~ we have not been able to discover anything so new or practicable as to justify any the adoption of any of the suggestions, I must now



it appears that the principal object of this invention is to enable us to distinguish the coins in the dark, or without looking at them, This is by no means desideratum; except for the blind, People ought always to look at the money offered to them; not only to see what it stands for, but also to see what metal it is made of, & they do not they may often receive a counterfeit, made of base metal, or cast iron and would really deserve to lose for being so careless, Mr Hall after stating his plan and claiming that afterwards recognizes the importance of looking at a coin when he suggests different colors for the different pieces. It is a plain case, that if we are to look for the colors we need not feel for the holes, which is the distinguishing feature of his invention, But, secondly, the method suggested is utterly impracticable as a coinage operation, There are to be one, two or three perforations, according to value, When are they to be made? in cutting



the planchet, or striking the coin?  
If the former, then those that have more than  
one hole will never lie right when they come to  
the press, unless they are carefully laid with  
the fingers one by one and very slowly, say at  
the rate of four or five a minute instead of sixty  
or eighty as in ordinary working, As to making  
the holes in the act of striking, that is an impos-  
sibility, Thirdly, <sup>altho</sup> it is not impossible to make coins  
with one, two or three holes, by first piercing them  
in the planchet, yet the additional care and  
labor would make it a very expensive operation,  
Probably each piece, no matter how base and  
valuable in fact, would cost the mint more than  
its current or assumed value, It is therefore  
as we said, impracticable,

Fourthly, the idea is not a novelty, and is therefore  
hardly a fair claim for a patent, unless it  
be for making a plurality of holes, In China  
the poor have been making cash with a large central  
hole for a thousand yrs, and it is very common  
for stringing them together by the holed, But



than these pieces are cost not stuck, and  
a barbarous kind of currency they are,  
Again in 1850 some trial pieces were  
made at this Mint, of cent pieces with a  
hole in the center, but it was found that  
they would cost more than they were worth, and  
were very difficult to make, and more than  
that there was no good object to be attained.  
The better plan would be to dispense with  
the holes, and have one two, or three stars, or  
mullets, (Mr Hall's drawings has mullets, but  
stars would be more in keeping) which would  
be as perceptible to the touch as a perforation,  
But the figures 2 III and 5, answer just as  
good a purpose. As to inserting a piece of  
silver, as Mr Hall also proposes, that has been  
tried in England, and ended with making  
some curiosities for the coin collectors.  
The other suggestions being of a general nature  
and containing nothing new, need not be  
dwelt upon. The Executive Officers of the  
Mint who have examined the plans, fully  
concur in ~~these~~ the views now expressed.  
These remarks are made in a spirit of  
candor & believing that Mr Hall is really in  
quest of truth, submit these criticisms for  
his consideration ~~alone~~, and also for the  
judgment of yourself, Very Respectfully  
J. S. Pollock Director



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Treasury Department.

October 18<sup>th</sup> 1869

Sir:

Your letter of the 29<sup>th</sup> ultimo enclosing a letter from Joseph Wharton and recommending the purchase of twenty thousand pounds of Nickel of W. Wharton for the use of the Mint, was duly received, and referred to the Director for his opinion.

His reply has just been received a copy of which is enclosed herewith, from which it appears that including from ten to twelve tons of Nickel Cents which have been retired, and are to be used as material for the manufacture of the three and five cent <sup>of nickel</sup> coin, the Mint now has on hand more than a supply for the next six months.

Under the circumstances I do not feel at liberty to authorize any additional purchase of Nickel for the use of the Mint at present.

Hon George Syster  
Treasurer of the Mint  
Philadelphia Pa.

Very Respectfully  
G. S. Boutwell,  
Secretary of the Treasury



This agreement made the Twenty Second day of June. A.D. 1867 between Chambers McKibbin Treasurer of the Mint of the one part and Messrs Van Wart, McCoy & Co of the city of New York in the State of New York of the other part

Witnesseth, that the said firm of Van Wart, McCoy & Co, agrees to deliver to the Mint of the United States, <sup>and five hundred</sup> one thousand ~~and~~ pounds, weekly, of Evans & Askins refined nickel, ninety-six to ninety-seven per centum pure nickel, for six months from the first day of August next at the rate or price of one dollar and thirty cents ( $\$1\frac{30}{100}$ ) per pound of pure nickel contained as determined by the Mint assay.

Payment to be made in U.S. gold coin or its equivalent in U.S. currency. The nickel is to be of a quality suitable for coinage and any nickel delivered unsuitable for coinage shall be subject to resection and return.

It is understood and agreed that the price herein stipulated is based on the present rate of duty on Nickel and any alteration of the rate of duty shall determine a corresponding change in the price to be paid under this contract.

C. McKibbin Treasurer U.S. Mint  
Van Wart, McCoy & Co

X I certify that the interlineation of "and five hundred", made in the eighth line of the above contract, was made before execution. A. A. Sandvick,  
Spt. Recs.



We hereby agree to guarantee the faithful  
performance and fulfilment of the terms of the foregoing  
contract on the part of the aforesaid firm of Van Wart,  
McLoughlin. In witness whereof we have hereunto set  
our hands and seals this ~~Twenty~~ <sup>Twenty-second</sup> day of June  
A.D. 1867.

B. A. May

seal

W. H. Hage

seal

I certify to the sufficiency of the  
above guarantee, and the entire responsibility  
of the guarantors,  
New York, June 20th 1867,

A. S. Landry, Jr.,

Notary Public.



Article of Agreement  
Between

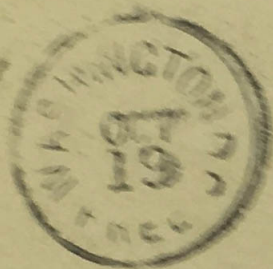
L. McKibbin Treas. & S. Munt  
&

Wm. W. McCoy & Co  
New York



Treasury Department,

OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS.



*Justin K. [Signature]*

Deputy Comptroller.

*Hon George Engster*

*Treasurer of the Mint*

*Philadelphia*  
*Pa.*



Let this also  
be marked  
and filed,



N. S.



Copy

# Mint of the United States,

MELTING & REFINING DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Oct 14<sup>th</sup> 1869

To Hon James Pollock

Director U.S. Mint

We find on examination of the Stock of Nickel-Copper-and Redeemed Cents, that we have on hand, in this department, the following amounts.

29 Cases Nickel Containing 9500 lbs @ 75%

80 Kegs " " 24850 " "

Total 34350 "

Nickel 25763 lbs  
" @ 8587 "

Also, Copper Ingots, at Mint, 8468 lbs

and of Redeemed Cents we

have on hand

21898 lbs Say 11 Tons

Containing of pure Nickel 2630 lbs and of

Copper 19268 lbs

Recapitulation

Cases and Kegs - Contain

Nickel  
25763 lbs

Copper  
8587 lbs

Copper Ingots at Mint

8468 "

Redeemed Nickel Cents

2630 "

19268 "

Coin in progress

845 "

2535 "

Total

29238 "

38858 "



I would add that the average use of Nickel in our  
Cent Melting Room is one Ton per month

Very Respectfully (Signed) A B Boyd

for M & R



Fleetman and Oles  
New York

4/6/69

Place on file  
Y.B.



Letters in relation to Nickel

Sept 10 - 1866

1869







## United States Express Company

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to us at Omaha - and will be so delivered so long as the Indians are on the Smoky Hill Route - Consequently it would be useless for our Co. to make any figures definitely, at this time and in any way different from those already given in my previous letters. I said in one letter that the rate on Gold from Speke would be \$3.00 per \$1000 payable in currency, in another I gave the rate from Speke at one quarter of a cent per mile per \$1000. for distances of over 500 miles - The distance from Speke to Phil<sup>l</sup> is nearly 1000 miles - This last rate is payable in gold -

Yrs. &amp;c. A. Kip



From

Sup't of U. S. Ex.  
les, stating number  
of miles &  
Sept 11. 1866



Sept 11/66

Wm Pollock  
 Rates from Pipe Rock  
 to Phila<sup>da</sup> in cur  
 Hurren



OFFICE OF THE

## United States Express Company

Buffalo Sept. 11. 1866

Jas Pollock &  
 Director U.S. Mint  
 Philadelphia Pa  
 Sir

Your favor of  
 Aug. 20. was duly received at this  
 office but during my absence,  
 hence this delay of reply. You will  
 pardon me for calling your attention  
 to the Country west of the Mo. River. You  
 at all times refer to Dopeka as the  
 point where bullion from Colosa.  
 so will be transferred to us. While  
 if any transfer is made to us on  
 this lower route it must be either  
 at St. Riley or at Leavenworth.  
 To-day all the treasure carried  
 by the Overland Express is delivered



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W.H.  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington Septem. 11<sup>th</sup> 1868

Sir:

I hand you herewith my check on the Assistant  
Treasurer U.S. at Philadelphia for \$5,000. Will  
you please send me same amount in five cent coin?

Very Respectfully,

A. A. Spink  
Treasurer U.S.

James Pollock Sec.  
Director of the Mint,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



Hon J. E. Spinner.

Treas. U. S. Washington D.C.

Enclosing check of \$1000,  
for small coin.

Coin sent & receipted

Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> 1866,

— " —



W.H.

Treasury of the United States.

Washington Septem. 15<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 12<sup>th</sup> instant. I have also received, per Adams Express Company, the \$1,000 in five cent coin advised therein.

Very Respectfully,

E. A. Munn  
Treasurer U.S.

James Pollock Esq.  
Director of the Mint,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



Hon J. E. Spinner, Treas. of  
the U. S. Washington, D.C.

Acknowledging receipt  
of letter of 12<sup>th</sup> & coin ordered  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> \$1000.

~~Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1806,~~

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Burlington Iowa  
Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>. 1866.

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The Superintendent  
Of the Philadelphia Mint  
Penna.

Dr. Sir.

I am going  
to Nevada Territory with a mining co. and I  
desire to get some information in regard to assaying.

I have made it a study as far as regard  
the text books in the usual courses of study.  
but I desire to get the text book, if any,  
in use at your mint. I desire to get  
one that treats of the economy of business  
- (as for instance, the best mode of ones  
manufacturing articles used. The saving  
of acids &c in the humid process, & the  
many other little points that there must be in  
a business so scientific). By giving me the  
name of publications containing such  
information, you would confer a favor.

Resptly. E. F. Ware.

over



Sir

If you should be the wrong person,  
(connected with the mint), to whom I should  
have applied for such information, please  
refer my communication to the one  
who could give the information desired.

Very Respectfully

Edw.



E. F. Ware

Burlington

Iowa

Asking information  
in regard to Ab-  
sconding.

Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 66



Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia Sept. 18<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Hon Hugh McCulloch

Secy of the Treasury.

Sir,

I herewith enclose to you, for the President my resignation as Director of the Mint of the United States, to take effect at his pleasure. Prepared on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst I delayed sending it until his return to Washington.

In view of the developements of the past few months, I cannot, with every desire to do so, sustain his administration. I cannot sacrifice my conscientious convictions for office or its emoluments, and therefore resign.

In regard to yourself permit me to say that our personal and official relations have been pleasant and agreeable, and I regret the necessity that compels a separation.

Yours Very Truly,

A. A. Bell  
A. A. Bell



To  
Sec. of the Treasury  
enclosing "Resignation  
of James Pollock, as  
Director of the Mint of  
the United States.

Sept. 14. 1866

" 18/66



Belleville Illinois Sept. 17. 1866.

James Pollock Esq. ' Director of the mint.'  
Dear Sir.

Will you do me the great favor to give me some information, in regard of the weight of the various kinds of gold coin of these United States, and let me know where I could get the right sort of a set of weights. I have a pair of <sup>small</sup> druggist scales, on which I could weigh the coin if I had the right sort of weights. I should be greatly obliged to you and would be willing to satisfy you for your trouble, if you would inform me where I could get such weights at New York City, or at Philadelphia, with the statement of the weight of each species of U. S. coin, so that I could see whether the coin has its full weight or not.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am sir  
Yrs very respectfully

L. G. Wenige



L. G. Menigo

Bellville

Plb

Asking the weights of  
the gold coins of the  
U. S. &c.

Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 66



Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 6

L. G. Menigey Esq  
Sir

Your letter of the  
17<sup>th</sup> inst has been recd,  
The following is the weight of  
the gold & silver coins of the  
United States, viz

| Gold Coins, gms     | Silver Coins       |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| Double Eagle 516    | Dollar 412.5       |
| Eagle 232           | Half Do 192.       |
| Half Do 116         | Quarter 96         |
| Quarter Do 58       | Demie 38.4         |
| 3 Dollar piece 67.6 | Half Demie 19.2    |
| 1 " " 23.2          | 3/4 of piece 11.52 |

Henry Troemner 710 Market St  
this City is the manufacturer of  
weights for the Mint.

Yours truly  
J. P. Davis



W.H.  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington Septem. 24<sup>th</sup> 1868

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 22<sup>d</sup> instant. I have also received, per Adams Express Company, the \$2,000 in five cent coin, advised therein.

Very Respectfully,

E. A. Munn  
Treasurer U.S.

James Pollock Esq.  
Director of the Mail,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



From  
Hon J. E. Sumner  
Treas. U. S.,

Acknowledging  
receipt of \$200 in  
small coin,

Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 1864



R.S.P.  
A.A.  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington Septem. 21<sup>st</sup> 1868

Sir:

I hand you herewith my check, on the Assistant  
Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia, for \$2.000.  
Will you please send me same amount in five cent coin?

Very Respectfully,

E. A. Munn  
Treasurer U.S.

James Collock Esq.  
Director of the Mint,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



Hon J. E. Spinner  
Treas. U. S.

Washington D.C.  
Enclosing ch<sup>k</sup> of \$2000  
for 5 ct. coin.  
Coin sent

Sep. 22<sup>d</sup> 1866,  
"



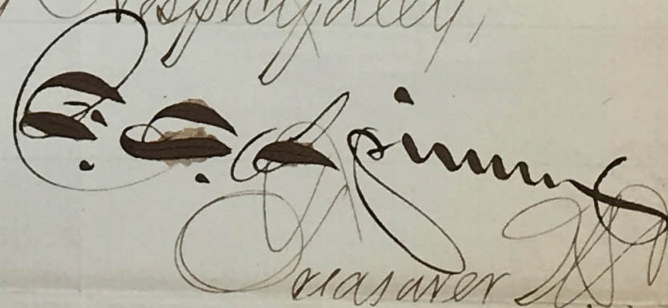
J.H. 9  
A.M.  
Treasury of the United States.

Washington August 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 4<sup>th</sup> instant.  
I have also received, per Adams Express Company,  
the \$1,000 in five cent coin - ordered in mine of the  
3<sup>d</sup> instant - shipment of which was advised therein.

Very Respectfully,

  
G. B. Shinn  
Treasurer

James Collock Esq.  
Director of the Mint,  
Philadelphia,  
Pa.



From Hon F. E. Spinner  
Treas. U. S.  
Washington  
D. C.

Acknowledged, in receipt of  
Coin (50) &

August 6. 1866.



W. M. M.

Treasury Department.

September 27<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Sir:

The joint resolution of 3<sup>d</sup> March 1863, requiring the Heads of Departments to furnish the Superintendent of public printing with copies of documents usually accompanying their annual reports, on, or before the first day of November of each year, renders it necessary that the report of the operations of your office for the past fiscal year be furnished, not later than the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, and earlier if practicable.

Very Respectfully

J. A. Huntley

Asst Secretary of the Treasury

Director of the U. S. Mint.  
Philadelphia Pa



From  
Asst Secy of Treasury  
Washington  
D.C.

Requesting Directors  
Annual Report to be  
furnished before the 20th  
of October, Report forwarded  
Sept 28th 1866,



W. M. M.  
Treasury Department.

September 28<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Sir:

By mistake, a letter was written to you yesterday, calling on you for the report of the operations of the mint for the past fiscal year, the same having been received from you the day previous.

This being the case, nothing but the report as Asst. Treasurer will be required.

Very Respectfully,

W. M. M.

for Asst. Secretary of the Treasury.

Director.

U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pa.



From  
Asst Secy Treas  
Washington  
D.C.

Acknowledging the  
receipt of Report of  
Director for the Fiscal  
year ending June 30<sup>th</sup> 66  
Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 1866



(Copy)

Legation of U. S. A. Lima Peru.  
I hereby Certify that the Sol (Silver)  
is the only legal Silver currency in Peru.

This was made so by a decree in the  
month of April last, Bolivian half dol-  
lars being no longer regarded as a legal  
tender. I have made out my a/c  
on basis of 95 Cents to the dollar of  
the U. S. - this I believe to be its  
full value.

Lima Sept 30. 1866.

(Signed) Alvin P. Hovey.



Treasury Department  
Comptrollers Office  
May 29. 1867

A. R. Linderman Esq.  
Director of U. S. Mint }  
Philadelphia Pa }

Sir: Enclosed I transmit a copy of a  
dispatch received from Hon A. P. Stoney  
U. S. Minister at Lima.

In the settlements of Mr Stoney's accounts  
it is necessary that I should know the  
value of the Sol as compared with  
our gold dollar, and if you can fur-  
nish me with such information you  
will greatly oblige me.

I am Sir

Very respectfully yours  
A. M. Knapp  
Comptroller

One enclosure



May 29/67

Compt. of Treasury  
Washington D.C.

Desiring to know the value  
of the silver "Sol" of Peru.



Jas Pollock Esq  
Director U.S Mint  
Philadelphia

Dr Sir.

I send  
herewith 9  $\frac{50}{100}$  Silver which the  
bank will loan with this note.  
and you will oblige me by  
forwarding by Express 3 Proof  
Sets Silver inclusion of new 5¢  
Coin & oblige - Direct package  
to Kenton, 22 Broad St. Room 17.  
Awaiting Yours I remain

Yours &c G. R. Droune  
Box 6200 N.Y.

N.Y. Sept 1. 1866.



New York Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> /66  
G. R. Drowne  
Order for Proof Coin



Dehu Sept 11. 1866

James Pollock Esq  
Director of the Mint  
San Francisco

Your letter and package has  
been received this day by me, and  
the express company, will transmit  
to you the amount of the medals imme-  
diately. I have been away on duty  
in the interior of the State, since the  
latter part of July, and did not re-  
ceive your letters.

Yours truly  
R. W. Minton  
Secy.



Detroit-Mich. Sept. 1/66

R. F. Johnstone  
relating to Michigan  
State Agrl. Medals



Franklin, Pa.,  
August 31, 1866.

Sir:

If I am not asking improperly, will you please give me a list of the Medals, their material and price, that are now for sale at the U. S. Mint, as I wish to purchase a few.

Very Respectfully,

Alex. P. Riddle,

To  
Hon. James Pollock,  
Director of Mint,  
Philadelphia



Franklin Pa Aug. 3/66

Alex J. Riddle  
Medal Circular



Richmond Aug 24/06

Wm Have you this  
Coin or medal in the collection  
of the mint, the impression of which  
I enclose on was if you have  
or not Can you tell me its history  
it was dug up many years ago by  
some laborer then at work on the  
Va & Europe RR just above Lynchburg  
it is of Bronze or Copper admirably  
executed and has unquestionably  
the best head of Washington on it  
I have even seen with the words  
Washington Pres. Unit. Sta. on one  
side and Commis. assigned Presidency  
Whig struck on the other side date  
1797. I was told you could enlighten  
me as to its history, if you can  
find the time please do so and  
you will very much oblige  
With Respect  
Samuel B. Dore, Richmond Va



Richmond Va. Aug. 24/66

Samuel C. Dove

relating to Medals



War house point July 2 1866  
Mr James P. Lallach  
Dr Sir

Yours of June 29 is in hand  
and Antonio noted please send me the new cents for the  
old of that is in accordance with law and oblige

Yours Respectfully

B. I. Barber

WLB

B. I. Barber

War House Point Conn.

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Ware House Point - Ct.

B. F. Barber

relating to the exchange of Old currency  
for new ones



E. J. Farmer.

James Farmer

**J. J. Farmer & Co.**  
LATE FARMER & PAINTER  
**Bankers and Brokers,**  
145 SUPERIOR ST.

Cleveland, O. July 11 1866

John E. Diehl -

Medal Clerk U.S. mint  
Philad

Enclosed please  
find as per request  
voucher for Medal scrip-  
tured - The medals came  
to hand in good order and  
are much admired -

Yours Truly  
J. J. Farmer & Co.



Cleveland O. July 10<sup>th</sup>  
C. J. Farmer & Co.  
On receipt of Medals



CORNELIUS BRUYN, PRESIDENT.

CHARLES D. BRUYN, CASHIER.

# National Ulster County Bank,

KINGSTON, N. Y.,

7<sup>th</sup> July 1866

James Pollock Esquire, ~~Cashier~~  
Director

Dear Sir:

Will you please  
inform me as to whether or not you receive the  
one cent pieces in Exchange for the new three &  
five cent Com

Respy yours  
C. D. Bruyn



Kington N.Y. July 7/66

C. D. Bruyno

relating to exchange of cents.



Vergennes July 8<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Saml Pollock Esq

Dear Sir  
Yours of the 5<sup>th</sup> enclosing  
the coins which You  
were so kind as to send  
me in exchange for others,  
was duly received for  
which please except my  
thanks and Good wishes

Very Respectfully  
Yours &c.

Ben<sup>g</sup> F. Young



Vergennes July 8/66

Benj. P. Young

in receipt of coin



Vergennes Vt July 2<sup>nd</sup> 1866

Treasurer U. S. Mint

Dear Sir  
I enclose 1 Gold dollar  
1 Dim  
1 Half dim

For which will You please  
to send me coins of like  
denominations of the present  
Years issue as I wish to  
preserve them as specimens  
by doing so You will much  
oblige

Your very Respectful  
& Humble Servant

Benj. F. Young



Vergennes Vt. July 2/66

Benj. P. Young

relating to exchange of prices





Watbury Sept 8 1866

Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

We ship you two  
casts blank to day & please notice prominence  
of weight on another page. We have cast the  
lot & now have it in process of rolling & cutting out.  
The chips coming from the last sent lot of  
3000<sup>+</sup> are all in this lot. In order to work  
in all the chips we could leaving as few on hand  
as possible when you should stop ordering we cast  
this lot weighing in 9<sup>th</sup> Nickel with 25<sup>th</sup> Copper  
& filling the pot with chips supposing the proportion  
of Nickel in the chips would hold good after  
smelting as it is our impression that in smelting  
chips as large a proportion of the copper wastes as of  
Nickel & hope the assay of this lot will prove that  
our supposition is correct though it would have been desirable  
to have had your assay of the last lot for a guide. Respectfully Yours  
Hobbs & Booth



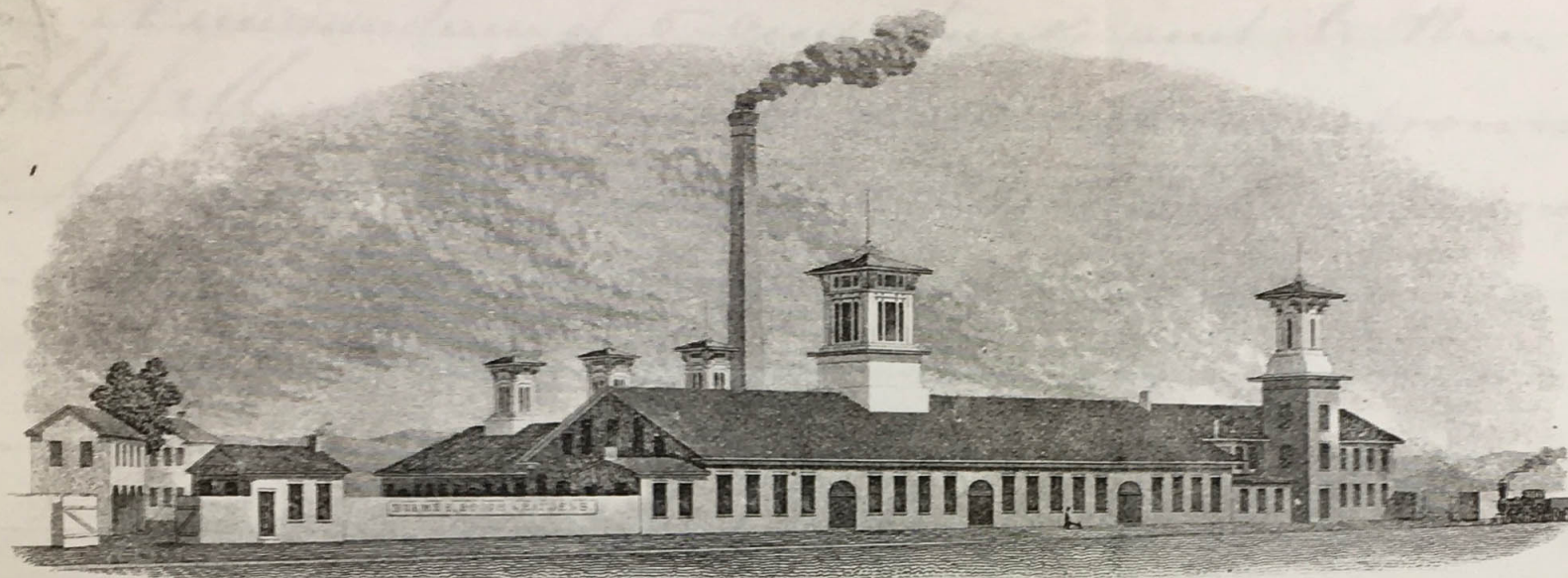
Memorandum of 5 cent blanks shipped to  
the Whellint Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1866 by  
Holmes Booth & Hayden

Cask #16 - 650

" #17 - 595 1245 lbs

By RR Co & Union Line as usual





VIEW OF HOLMES, BOOTH & HAYDEN'S BRASS WORKS.

Waterbury, Conn. Sept 27<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir  
We hand you herewith  
duplicate and receipted bills of 5-cent blanks  
sent to the W. F. Kent, as per memorandum  
on another page, and remain  
Most Respectfully Yours  
Holmes Booth & Hayden



Memorandum of 5-cent blanks sent to the  
 Office by Robert Booth Hayden, from  
 August 1<sup>st</sup> to Sept 22<sup>d</sup> 1866, both days inclusive

Aug 1<sup>st</sup> - 677 $\frac{1}{2}$  Cask #1

" 4<sup>th</sup> 683 $\frac{1}{2}$  " #2

" 6<sup>th</sup> 716 " #3

" 7<sup>th</sup> 697 " #4

" 8<sup>th</sup> 683 " #5

" 10<sup>th</sup> 684 " #6

" 13<sup>th</sup> 661 $\frac{1}{2}$  " #7

" 15<sup>th</sup> 672 " #8

Less amount Billed Aug 20<sup>th</sup>  $\begin{array}{r} 5474\frac{1}{2} \\ 5000 \end{array}$

balance 474 $\frac{1}{2}$

Aug 17<sup>th</sup> 666 " #9

" 20<sup>th</sup> 660 $\frac{1}{2}$  " #10

" 21<sup>st</sup> 650 $\frac{1}{2}$  " #11

" 22<sup>d</sup> 642 " #12

" 23<sup>d</sup> 634 " #13

" 25<sup>th</sup> 1324 Casks #14 + 15

Sept 8<sup>th</sup> 1245 " #16 + 17

" 13<sup>th</sup> 1239 $\frac{1}{2}$  " #18 + 19

" 15<sup>th</sup> 1164 $\frac{1}{2}$  " #20 + 21

" 22<sup>d</sup> 1460 $\frac{3}{4}$  " #22 23 + 24

10161 $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs



Waterbury, Conn. Sept 22<sup>d</sup> 1866

Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

We have shipped to the W. Mint,  
to day, two cases and one care of Five cent Banks  
as per memorandum below.

This completes your last order

Very Respectfully Yours  
Holmes Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of Five cent Banks, shipped to the W. Mint  
Sept 22<sup>d</sup> 1866 by Holmes Booth & Hayden

Case #22 — 683

" #23 — 682

" #24 —  $95\frac{3}{4}$  1460 $\frac{3}{4}$  lbs

By R. R. Boat & Union Line



Waterbury Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

Prof. J. C. Booth,

Dear Sir,

We have shipped  
to the U. S. Mint, to day two  
more Casks 5-cent blanks,  
As per memorandum below,  
We remain,

Yours Very Respectfully  
Holmes Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of 5-cent blanks  
shipped to the U. S. Mint.  
Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> 1866 by  
Holmes Booth & Hayden

Cask # 18 - 625 lbs

" # 15 - 614 $\frac{1}{2}$  " 1239 $\frac{1}{2}$

By R.R. & Union Line



Watertown Sept 15. 1866

Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

We have shipped  
to day to the Wf Mint two more  
Casks of 5-cent blank, as per  
memorandum below and remain

Very Respectfully Yours  
Solomon Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of 5-cent blank  
shipped to the Wf Mint  
Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 1866 by Solomon Booth & Hayden

1 Cask #20 - 599

1 " #21 - 565  $\frac{1}{2}$

1164  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs

By RR<sup>co</sup> & Boat & Union Line

The 64  $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs sent you Sept 13<sup>th</sup> were in Cask #19  
instead of in Cask #15 as reported



M. & R.'s Correspondence

September. 1866



U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1866 / SEPTEMBER

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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1866 / OCTOBER







M. & R. Correspondence

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October 1866

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Waterbury Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 1866

Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

We have succeeded in  
enlisting the aid of another firm to take a part of our  
regular work off our hands to enable us to make room  
for you but the change makes some unavoidable delay

We shall begin casting for the one & two  
cent metal tomorrow & hope in six or eight days to  
begin to ship in proportion to your wants as nearly  
as we can possibly reach — We understand the  
one & two cent metal to be the same composition as before  
viz 95<sup>th</sup> copper 3<sup>rd</sup> Zn & 2<sup>nd</sup> Spelter — The proportion of scrap  
is so large that we do not know we can at the present cost  
of material, labor & tax get up the one & two cent blanks  
at a less price than 70 cents per pound — I trust say if this  
is satisfactory & also send by return mail samples showing the  
exact thickness, diameter & weight of the one & two cent blanks —

Very Respectfully Yours

William Booth & Haynes  
per J. H. Haynes



Waterbury Oct 3 1866

Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

Yours of the 1st is at hand. The letter found us with a very full business monopolising our capacity & power to the extent that would preclude the possibility of arranging for a large additional amt to be began & completed so suddenly without some help from others in the same line as ourselves. We to day commenced an inquiry to learn if we can put some of our present business into other hands to make room for Yours & shall know the result in season for tomorrow's mail & will then let you know what we can do in the mean time we assure you that if possible to do so we shall get in shape to accommodate you as we feel under obligations to respond to your calls.

Respectfully Yours

Hobart Booth Mayday  
for J Hobart



U.S. Mint

Melter & Refiner's Office

Phila Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> 1866

M<sup>r</sup> C. Robbins,

104 John St. N. York

Dear Sir,

In reply to your  
favor of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Inst. I beg to  
state on behalf of the Director  
that we have a supply of Fleetman's  
nickel on hand, sufficient for  
several months use.

Respectfully yours  
Jas C Booth



U. S. Mint.

Phila. Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1866

Miss Holmes, Booth & Haydens.  
Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sirs,

I expect to send  
you my check tomorrow for the amt.  
of your bill for 10,000 lbs. 5 ct. blanks.  
Having rec<sup>d</sup> a Report from the  
Engineer that our Rolling Engine  
needed repairs, & would be thrown  
out of use for some four weeks,  
thereby preventing us from rolling  
our metal, my object in writing is  
to ascertain whether you cannot in-  
crease your production of 5-cent  
blanks very much, so as to supply  
us with some \$20,000 lbs. in the  
shortest time practicable. If so,  
please please put the work in hand



immediately upon receipt of this  
without waiting for reply & rejoinder

Further, could you not supply us  
with one & two cent blanks, about equal  
quantities of each, to the amount of  
some 15,000 lbs.?

We have two small engines for  
cutting & stamping, & can supply  
the demand, if we have the blanks,  
as we shall roll a quantity of metal  
by extra work.

The present demand is, for 5 ct.  
metal about 1200 lbs. per day, - for  
1 & 2 ct. metal, about 700 lb. pr. day

If therefore you can increase your  
capacity for the 5 ct. blanks, and sup-  
ply a fair amt. of the 1 & 2 cts. please  
go on with your arrangements at once  
& write afterwards.

Respectfully yours  
J. H. Booth



U. S. Mint

Melter & Refiner's Office

Phila Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> 1866

Messrs. Holmes, Booth & Hayden  
Waterbury Conn.

Dear Sirs ..

your favors of  
3<sup>d</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Inst. duly rec<sup>d</sup>. I am  
glad to learn that you will be  
able to supply us as fast as you  
can with the 1, 2 & 5 cent blanks,  
which is all we can ask.

I have just learned from our  
chief coinier that there will also  
be a need for 3-cent pieces, say  
from 1500 @ 2000 lbs. within  
a week or two. Can you under-  
take these in addition to the 1, 2  
& 5's? If not, I will write



to Benedict & Burnham or to  
Scovells to execute this order, if  
they are willing, since they have  
the cutters &c for this coin. or,  
will you undertake to engage  
the same of either of those firms.  
Please write in reply on receipt  
of this, by return mail, if possible.

Respectfully yours  
Jas C Booth  
M. & R.



Mint of the United States

Phil<sup>a</sup> Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

Mr. Holmes, 730th & Hayden

Waterbury, Conn.

Dear Sirs,

Your telegram was received an hour since (12.30 P.M.).

The samples were sent in a letter on Saturday, the 6<sup>th</sup> Inst. ... It is surely not worth while sending samples of the ~~or finished~~ <sup>or finished</sup> ~~as you must have the cutters~~ <sup>as you must have the cutters</sup>

The price of 70 cts. is satisfactory to the Director, for the 1 & 2's. At what price can you deliver the 3's, if you can make them, or have them made?

I enclose my check for fourteen thousand one hundred & fifty two  $\frac{17}{100}$  for 10,000 lbs. 5-ct. blanks, the deduction for freights being  $\$77 \frac{78}{100}$

Respectfully yours  
J. H. Booth



Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>

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Messrs. H. Trotter & Co.

Dear Sirs,

We agree to your terms to take of you 100,000 lbs. of best Lake Copper @  $31\frac{1}{4}$  cts. delivered at the Mint in lots, as specially ordered by us, & free of all charges for drayage, cartage, &c.

Also under the same conditions we will also take 5000 lbs. of best Straits Tin <sup>in bars</sup> @  $3\frac{1}{4}$  cts; and Lehigh Zinc @  $11\frac{3}{4}$  - 10,000 lbs.

Respectfully yours

J. C. Booth

By Instructions from the Director.  
J. C. B.



New York Oct 3/66  
Mr Jas E Booth

Sir

Please to recollect,  
when in want, that I have  
4 Cases of Pickled in Sound  
To dispose of at the same  
Price as the last.

Yours Truly

C. Robbins  
104 John St



Philad<sup>a</sup> October 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon. J<sup>m</sup> Millward

Director of the U.S. Mint

Gov of the Aetna Mining Co.

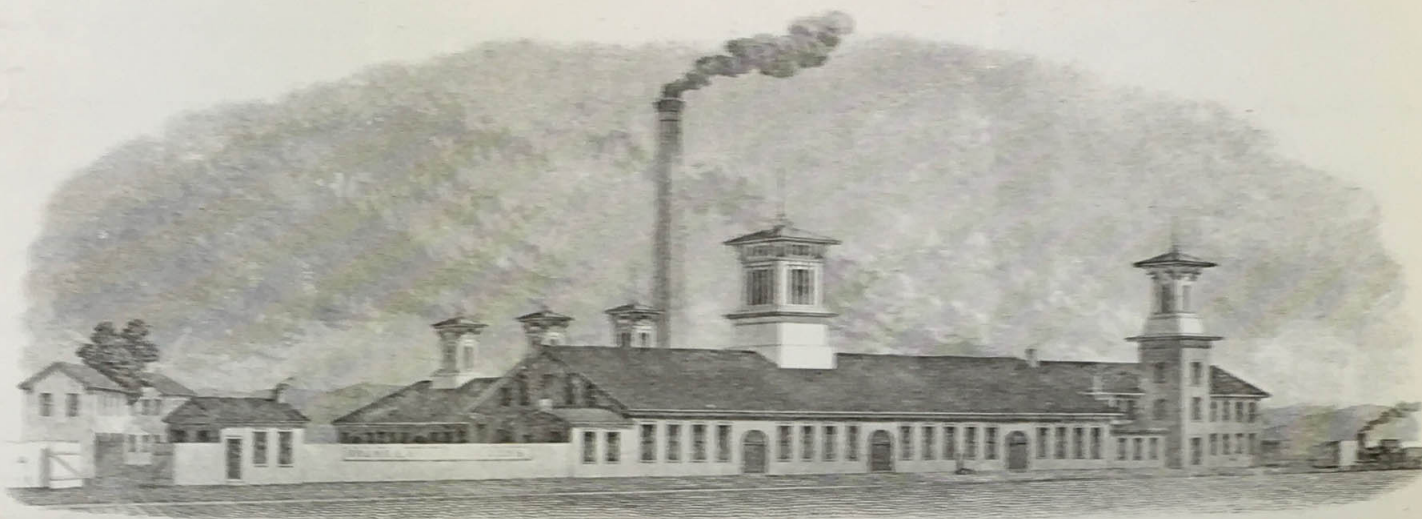
7 Bbls Ingot Copper

|   |    |     |      |    |               |
|---|----|-----|------|----|---------------|
|   | 17 | 116 | 1787 | 51 | 1736          |
|   | 18 | 112 | 1731 | 66 | 1665          |
| ✓ | 19 | 111 | 1725 | 62 | 1663          |
|   | 20 | 108 | 1647 | 68 | 1579          |
|   | 21 | 110 | 1713 | 57 | 1656          |
|   | 22 | 81  | 1260 | 38 | 1222          |
|   | 23 | 76  | 1149 | 42 | 1107          |
|   |    |     |      |    | <u>10.628</u> |

10.628 Bbls Ingot Copper @ 31 1/4 = 3.321.25

10 628  
31 1/4  
2657  
10628  
31884  
3321.25





VIEW OF HOLMES, BOOTH & HAYDEN'S BRASS WORKS.

Waterbury, Conn. Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1866

Prof J Booth

Dear Sir

We have shipped to day  
to the U.S. Mint 1 Case of 5 cent blanks,  
as per memorandum below & remain

Yours Very Respectfully  
John Booth Hayden

Memorandum of 5 cent blanks shipped to the  
U.S. Mint Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1866 John Booth Hayden,  
1 Case #45 - 5 cent blanks, 656<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> doz mark H & Y

By RR - via Haver Line



Office of Hendricks Brothers,  
77 & 79 Broad Street,  
New York Oct 31 1866

W<sup>m</sup> Millward Esq  
Director U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

We have today  
sent you 50<sup>lbs</sup> of Vicked as sample and I trust  
you will give it an immediate trial as  
have sold 500<sup>lbs</sup> today as sample to a party here.  
We expect to be in your city next week  
and will see you.

The Coffee has gone forward today and  
will feel obliged if you will advise us of  
arrival of same.

Yours Truly  
Hendricks Brothers



Nathan Trotter & Co.  
Importers of Tin plates, Metals &c.  
No. 36. North Front Street

Philadelphia October 31<sup>st</sup> 1866.

James C. Booth Esq.

Dear Sir,

In conformity with  
your order of the 30<sup>th</sup> Inst. we send you  
~~send you~~ ten Casks Lake Copper weighing  
1,000 lbs each from lot belonging to the  
United States Mint.

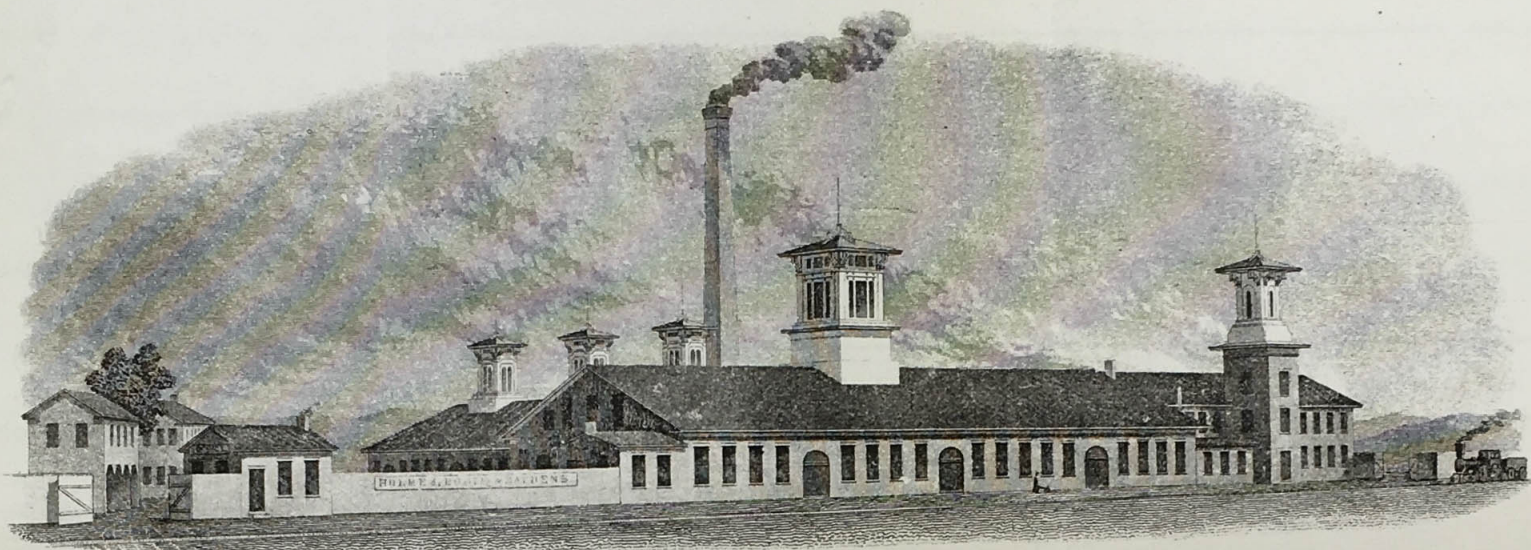
Yours Respectfully

N. Trotter & Co.

John M. Marchess

10 Casks 1,000<sup>lbs</sup> ea. 10,000<sup>lbs</sup>.





VIEW OF HOLMES, BOOTH & HAYDEN'S BRASS WORKS.

Waterbury, Conn. Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

Prof J A Booth

Dear Sir

We have shipped today  
to the Wm Hunt 1 + 5-cu blanks as per  
Memorandum below and remain

Very Respectfully Yours  
Holmes Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of 1 + 5-cu blanks shipped to the  
Wm Hunt Oct 30<sup>th</sup> 1866 by Holmes Booth & Hayden  
1 Cast #10 1-cu blank, 645 lb marked H. V  
1 " #44 5- " " 618 " " H. V  
By RR<sup>c</sup> via Union Line





CLARKSON & WHITE,  
Buck Mountain and Hazelton Coal.

CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

No. 2040 Market Street,

JOHN W. CLARKSON. }  
GEO. H. WHITE, Jr. }

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 31 1866

Mr Booth

Dear Sir

I have an  
order on from you and one I had  
in my pocket which has not been  
filled which Mr Pollack gave me  
some time ago and there is two  
tons more beside which is at  
the mine to be delivered.

Yours &c

Clarkson & White

P.S. You will ship me by today,  
the coal I have sent a man to trim  
it back,

C & W



Phil Oct 30/66

Prof. Booth  
W. I. Mint

Dr Sir

The coal I  
am sending you is the genuine  
Council Ridge coal and  
as free from impurities as  
any Council Ridge that  
can be procured. Particular  
care will be used in picking  
out the slate

Yours Respr

J. A. Anderson  
By W. W. Babbitt



A. S. Crucible Works  
New York Oct 29. 66

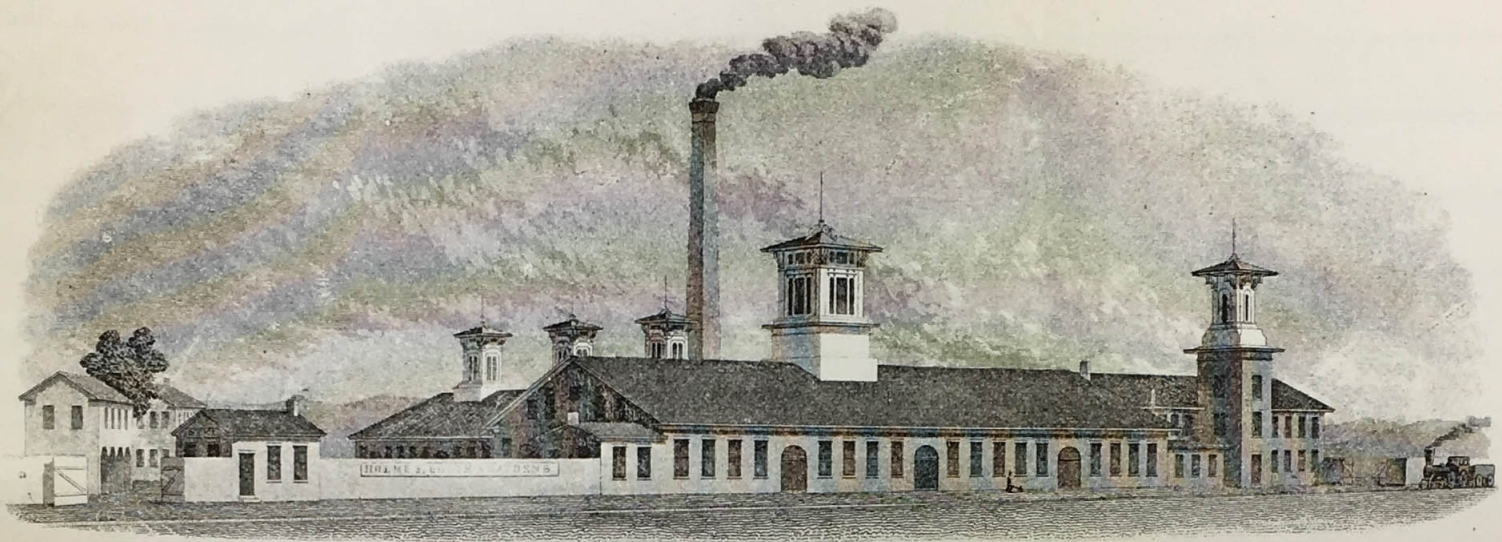
Prof. J. C. Booth  
Respected Sir

The check came  
safely to hand and I beg to present  
my thankful acknowledgments  
Most truly Yrs

Check 38.40

W. St. Millson Jr





VIEW OF HOLMES, BOOTH & HAYDEN'S BRASS WORKS.

Waterbury, Conn. Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1866

Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

We have shipped today  
to the U S Mint—1+5-cent blanks as per  
Memorandum below and remain

Yours very respectfully  
John C Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of 1+5-cent blanks shipped to the  
U S Mint Oct 29<sup>th</sup> 1866 by Holmes Booth & Hayden

1 Case # 9- 1 cent blanks 643 lbs marked H-1  
1 " # 42 5 - " 660 1/2  
1 " # 43 5 - " 649 1/2 + 310 " " H-2

By RR  
via Union Line



Nathan Trotter & Co.  
Importers of Tin plates, Metals &c.

No. 36. North Front Street

Philadelphia October 29 1866

Delinery Mint of the United States

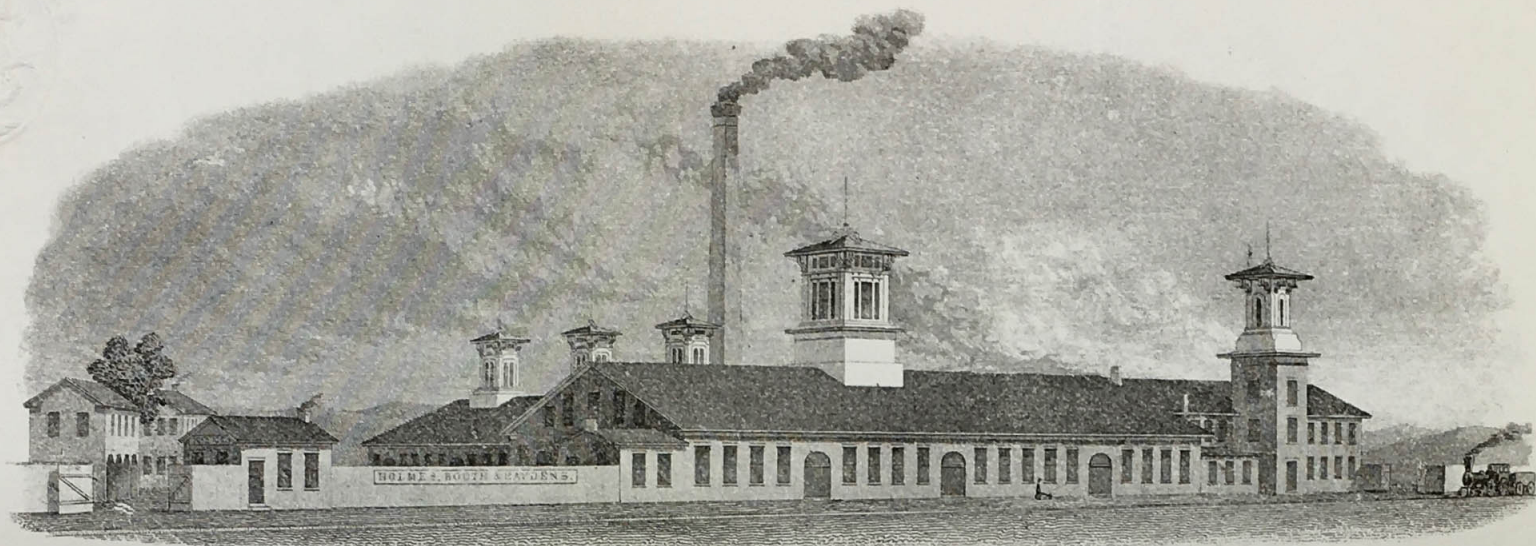
per order of Jas C Booth Esq  
10 Casks Ingot Copper 1000<sup>lb</sup> each  
from lot belonging to the Mint -

The weight of Spelter sent you on  
24<sup>th</sup> Inst is 2235<sup>lb</sup> instead of 2253<sup>lb</sup>

respectfully

N. Trotter & Co.  
per L. Conaway





VIEW OF HOLMES, BOOTH & HAYDEN'S BRASS WORKS.

Waterbury, Conn. Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 1866  
 Prof J C Booth  
 Dear Sir

We have shipped, to day,  
 to the W. M. H. 15 5-cent blanks as per  
 memorandum below & remain  
 Very Respectfully Yours  
 J. C. Booth & Hayden  
 per Abbott

Memorandum of 1- & 5-cent blanks shipped to the W. M. H.  
 October 26<sup>th</sup> 1866 by Holmes, Booth & Hayden

|   |      |     |               |         |             |
|---|------|-----|---------------|---------|-------------|
| 1 | Case | #7  | 1-cent blanks | 635 lbs | Marked H-1- |
| 1 | "    | #40 | 5- " "        | 653 "   | " H-V       |

By R R<sup>o</sup>

Via Union Line



Nathan Trotter & Co.  
Importers of Tin plates, Metals &c.  
No. 36. North Front Street

Philadelphia October 2<sup>d</sup> 1866

Delivered Mint of the United States

Per order of Jas C. Booth Esq

|    |              |                                  |
|----|--------------|----------------------------------|
| 56 | plates sheet | 2253 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> |
| 1  | Cask Bar Tin | 851 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub>  |

"We have packed the bar tin in casks of  
about above weight, for convenience,  
and safety.

respectfully  
Nathan Trotter & Co.  
Per J. L. Linnane



Office of the Seabill Manuf'g Co.

Waterbury, Conn. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

Prof. J. C. Booth

Esq Sir

We have  
shipped by R.R. this P.M.  
3 casks of 3<sup>d</sup> blanks. the  
remainder of the lot will  
be forwarded in a few days.  
The amt. of metal made  
will probably exceed the  
order some 250 to 300 lbs.

Yours Truly  
C. P. Seabill

P.S. Since writing the above  
I have ascertained that we  
have enough metal cast to  
make another cask of blanks.  
we sh. prefer to send all - Can  
we do so?

C. P. S.



N. Y. Crucible Works  
Went 33¢ new 11¢ av.

New York Oct 25/66

Prof. J. C. Booth  
Respects Sir

In accordance  
with your suggestion I enclose Dup.  
Bills for Crucibles  
I was aware that the Form of our common  
Press Crucibles was not what you desired  
but hoped, as they were good, that I  
should have been favoured with your  
orders to have made some to your  
Patterns & weights.

The Gentleman who has left the  
Mint was so bitterly opposed to my  
furnishing any that I feared it  
would be of no use to ask for an  
order if one was not sent

Intending from time to time  
to visit your City I delays sending  
any bill - If it is too late I must  
suffer the Loss but shall be glad



to receive the amount if in season  
I shall not probably, make any  
more Plumbago Crucibles, but hope  
to retain a place in your remem-  
brance if I should call on you at  
a future day with a Crucible made  
of Clay - I am experimenting to  
this end with good prospect of  
success

With my acknowledgements for  
your kindness

I am Mo. Truly Yrs  
W. H. Willson



N.Y. Crucible Works  
West 33rd near 11th Ave

New York Oct 20/02

Prof. Loomis

Dear Sir

Last November, by  
your permission, I sent to the Mint  
a Cask of Crucibles in the hope that  
I should secure an order for a  
larger amount. My Foreman  
was at the Mint in the latter part  
of Jan'y and the report was that  
they ran well but that there were  
no more wanted.

If they proved good I should be  
glad to receive the pay for them.

I am not making any more at  
present but have about 100<sup>to</sup> 60 +  
25<sup>to</sup> 70 which I should like to send  
you at 4¢ per No. No charge for  
Cask or Cartage

Very Resp<sup>tly</sup> Yours

W. H. Wilson ap



Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 6

M<sup>r</sup> W. H. Wilson

W. 33<sup>rd</sup> St. near 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue, N. Y.

Dear Sir,

It is a very late day to send a bill to the Mint, as we prefer paying cash for everything. I recollect the samples of crucibles, & that they did not suit us in form, altho' their quality was good. That part of the business was in the hands of a gentleman, who has left the Mint, but I will make inquiry in relation to the crucibles.

In the mean time, please make out duplicate bills, dated at the present time, mentioning if you prefer it when the crucibles were supplied, and receipt each by



the person whose name heads the  
bills. All sums over \$10= require  
duplicates & all must be receipted  
before a warrant can be drawn.

Respectfully yours  
J<sup>as</sup> H Booth



Nathan Trotter & Co.  
Importers of Tin plates, Metals &c.  
No. 36. North Front Street

Philadelphia October 29 1866

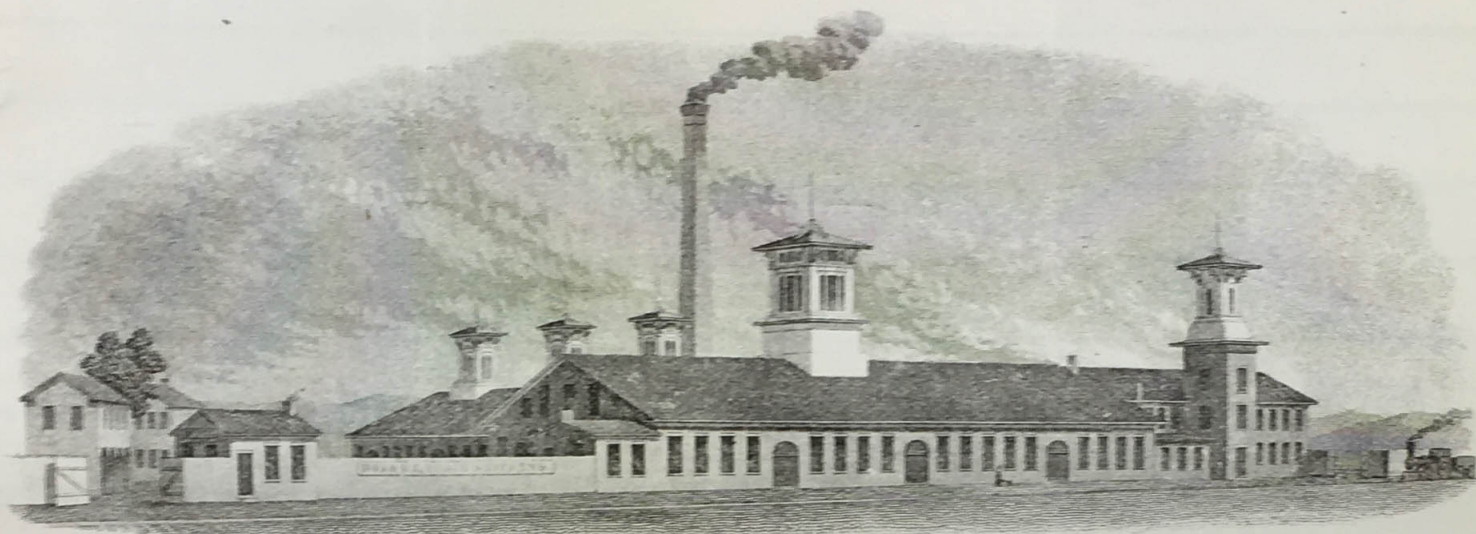
Delivered Mint of the U. S.

Per order of S. C. Troost Esq.  
Six Casks Ingot Copper 1000 lbs each. from  
lot belonging to the Mint

Respectfully

N. Trotter & Co.  
Per S. L. Conner





VIEW OF HOLMES, BOOTH & HAYDEN'S BRASS WORKS.

Waterbury, Conn. Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

Prof J Booth

Dear Sir,

We have shipped to the  
W. Hillier today, one Cask 5-cent blanks,  
and one cask of 1-cent blanks, as per  
memorandum below, & remain

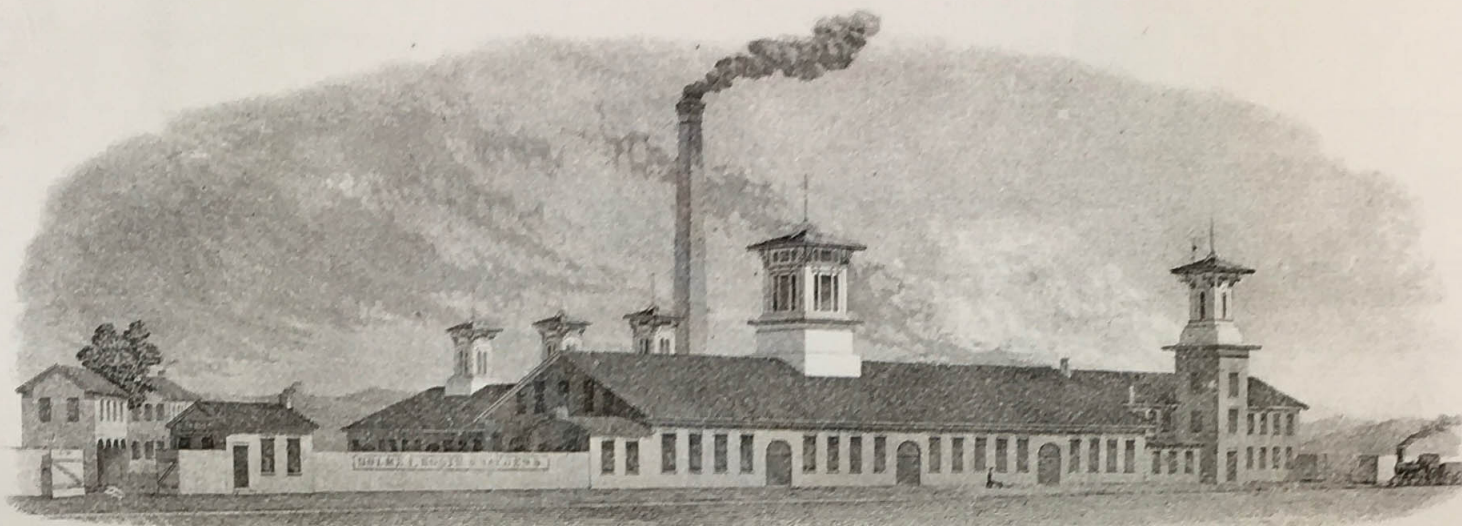
Very Respectfully Yours  
Holmes Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of 1 + 5-cent blanks shipped to  
the W. Hillier Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1866, by Holmes Booth & Hayden

Cask #29 - 5-cent blanks 663 lb  
Cask #1 1- " " 703 1/2 "

By RR<sup>co</sup> + Union Line





VIEW OF HOLMES, BOOTH & HAYDENS' BRASS WORKS.

Waterbury, Conn. Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1866

Prof J C Booth  
Dear Sir

We have shipped, to day,  
to the Wp Mint, 1+5-cent blanks, as per  
memorandum below, and remain

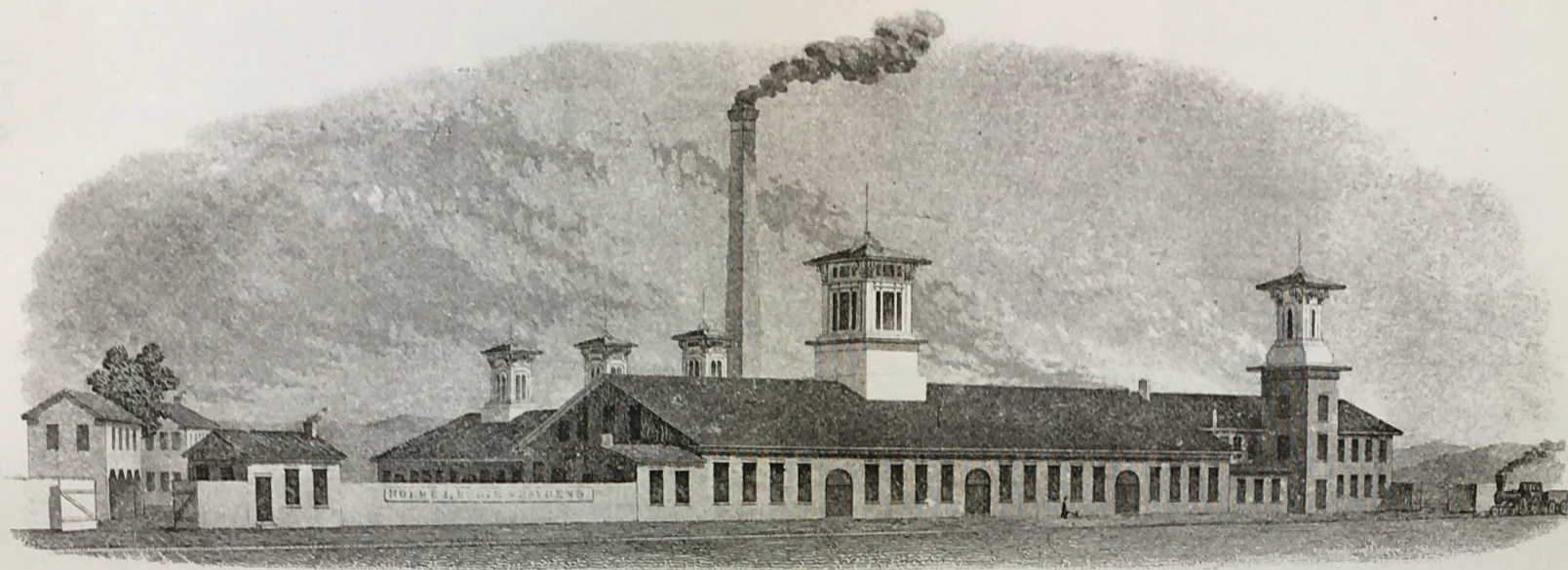
Yours very Respectfully  
Holmes Booth & Haydens

Memorandum of One + Five cent blanks sent to the  
Wp Mint Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1866 by Holmes Booth & Haydens

|           |               |                                 |                                    |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Cask #2 - | 1 cent blanks | 625                             |                                    |
| " #3 -    | 1 " "         | 670                             | 1295 lb                            |
| " #30 -   | 5 " "         | 672 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> |                                    |
| " #31 -   | 5 " "         | 618                             | 1290 <sup>1</sup> / <sub>2</sub> " |

By RR & via Union Line





VIEW OF HOLMES, BOOTH & HAYDEN'S BRASS WORKS.

Waterbury, Conn. Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1866  
 Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

We have shipped to  
 the Ullent 1 + 5-cent blanks as per  
 memorandum below and remain

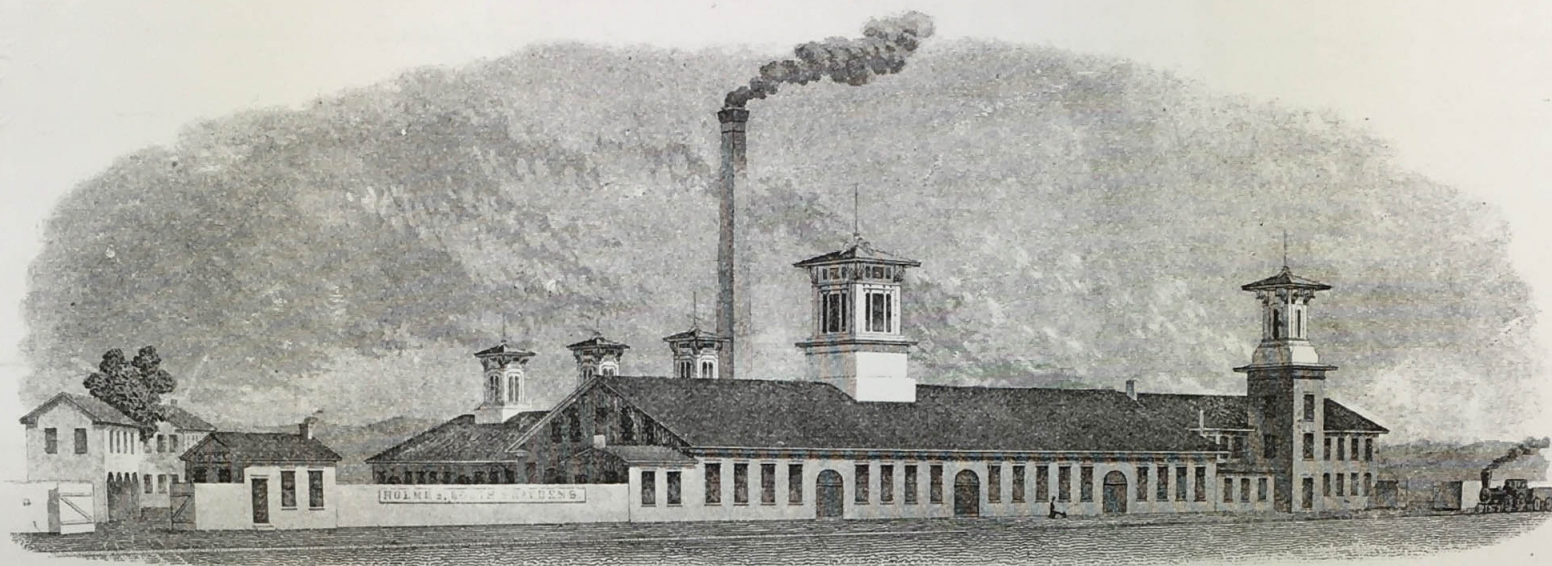
Very Respectfully Yours  
 Holmes Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of 1 and 5-cent blanks shipped  
 to the Ullent Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 1866 by Holmes Booth & Hayden

|         |               |         |          |
|---------|---------------|---------|----------|
| Cask #4 | 1-cent blanks | 645 1/2 |          |
| " #5    | 1- "          | 656 1/2 | 1302 lb, |
| " #32   | 5- "          |         | 670 "    |

By RR<sup>d</sup> via Union Line





VIEW OF HOLMES, BOOTH & HAYDEN'S BRASS WORKS.

Waterbury, Conn. Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1866

Prof J C Root

Dear Sir

We have shipped, to day,  
to the Westcott 1 & 5-cent blanks, as per  
Memorandum below, and intend to send 2-cent  
blanks, in our next shipment.

Yours Very Respectfully

Holmes Booth & Hayden

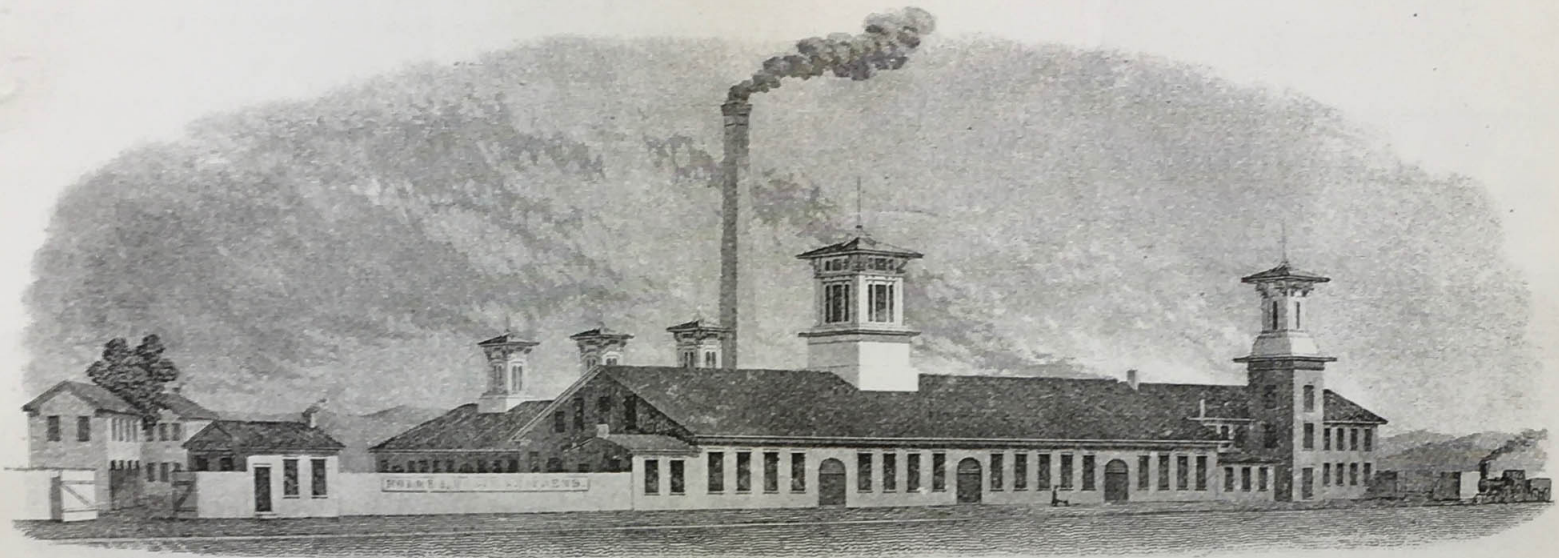
Memorandum of 1 & 5-cent blanks shipped to the  
Westcott Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1866 by Holmes Booth & Hayden

- 1 Cask # 33 - 5-cent blanks, 65 1/2
- 1 " " 34 - 5- " " 643 1299 1/2 lbs
- 1 Key # 6 - 1- " " 254 1/2 "

By RR<sup>co</sup> via Union Line

Cask # 33 + 34 marked "H-V" & Cask # 6 - H.1.





VIEW OF HOLMES, BOOTH & HAYDEN'S BRASS WORKS.

Waterbury, Conn. Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1866  
 Prof J. C. Booth

Dear Sir

We have shipped to  
 the Wf Mint, to day, two Casks of 5-cent blanks,  
 as per memorandum below and remain

Yours very Respectfully  
 Holmes Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of 5-cent blanks shipped to the  
 Wf Mint Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1866 by Holmes Booth & Hayden

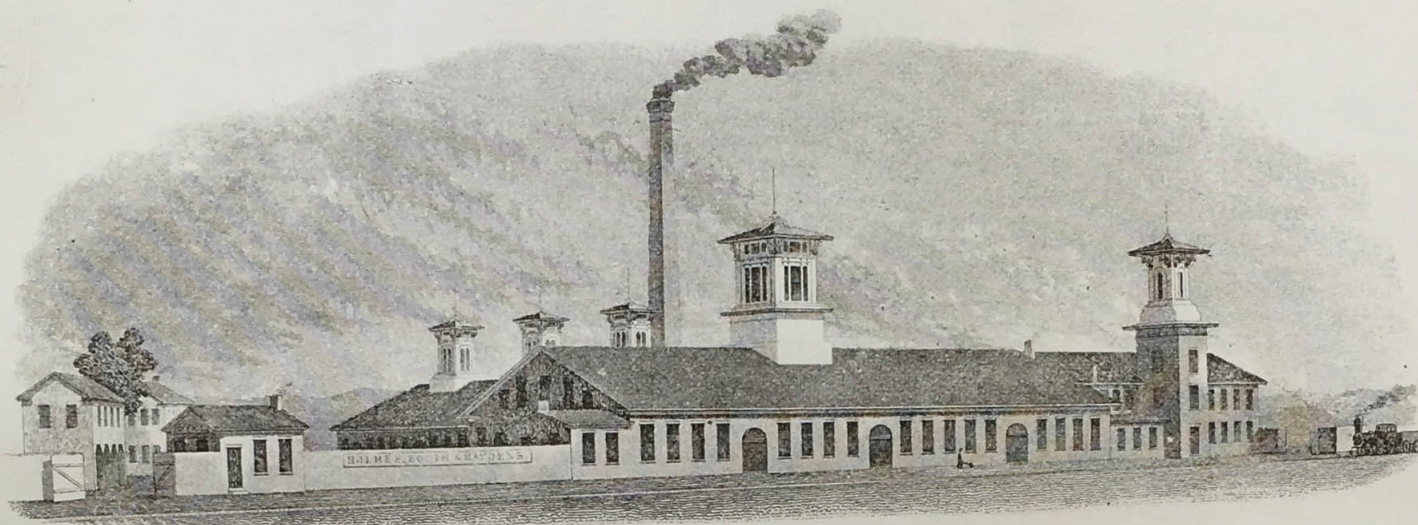
Cask #25 - 708

" #26 - 696  $\frac{1}{4}$

1404  $\frac{1}{4}$  lbs

By RR<sup>d</sup> to NY  
 thence by Union Line  
 to Philadelphia





VIEW OF HOLMES, BOOTH & HAYDENS' BRASS WORKS.

Waterbury, Conn. Oct 9<sup>th</sup> 1866

Prof J C Booth  
Dear Sir

Your favor of Oct 8<sup>th</sup>  
has just come to hand, covering your  
check as stated, for which please  
accept the thanks of

Yours very truly

Holmes Booth & Haydens  
per E A



Waterbury Oct-12. 1866  
Prof J C Booth

Dear Sir

We have shipped to the  
Wellsfleet to day, two casks of 5-cent blanks,  
as per memorandum below, and remain

Very Respectfully Yours  
Holmes Booth & Hayden

Memorandum of 5-cent blanks shipped to the  
Wellsfleet Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 1866 by Holmes Booth & Hayden

Cask #27 5-cent blanks 664

" #28 5- " " 714½

1378¾ lbs

By R R<sup>c</sup> & Union Line



U. S. Mint

Phila Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> 1866

M<sup>r</sup> J. W. Clarkson

Dear Sir,

Upon comparing the orders with the Deliveries and Payments of Coal, I find that your bills have exceeded the orders, except for the last order, which I gave you, which has not yet been settled. The coal you are now sending, therefore, has not been ordered.

Respectfully yours  
J. C. Booth



Direct one lot to the U. S. Mint, Phil<sup>a</sup>  
and mine to Booth & Garrett, Es<sup>rs</sup>  
Chanc<sup>y</sup> St. 10<sup>th</sup> above Chestnut St.  
Phil<sup>a</sup>

The mint bills should be in dupli-  
cate, and each receipted by the Firm  
I will send on my check for both  
lots, upon receipt of goods, or pay  
in any other way the party may  
prefer.

Very truly yours  
Jas<sup>es</sup> Booth



Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

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Prof. J. Torrey.

U. S. Assay Office, New York.

Dear Sir,

The Assay of the Bronze  
& Nickel alloys for 1-5 ct. pieces consumed  
a large amount of caustic Potash, and we are  
unable at present to obtain it in Phila.  
I write therefore in behalf of Mr. Eck-  
feldt to ask you to procure it for us  
in N. Y. from T. H. Doremus, Kent, or  
any other reliable importer of the article.  
We wish of course the best caustic  
Potash for Analysis, not the extra fine  
purified by alcohol, &c.

Beside that for the Mint, I wish some  
for my own use, say ten pounds.

I leave the Mint order Blank for  
the name to be filled in.

Please let the par. make out  
two lots separately, and the bills also.



Chillicothe, Ohio.

2<sup>d</sup> Oct. 1866.

To, The Superintendent  
of The U. S. Mint,

Sir,

I write to you,  
a letter, dated on the 24 or 25<sup>th</sup>  
Sept. - (being then at Washing-  
ton City -) enclosing to you, a small  
quantity of gold dust, in the  
Armstrong State, - and sent  
the same by Adams' Express -  
requesting you to cause the  
same to be coined and sent to  
me, at this place; either in  
coin, or its equivalent, in U.  
S. Currency; and expressing  
the hope that you would do  
me this as a favor, and as  
it was not convenient for  
me to go to the Mint in per-  
son. Mr. Spencer, the  
U. S. Treasurer, told me, that  
he thought, you would have  
it attended to for me, by  
sending it by Express, of



Thereby save myself the  
trouble and expense of  
going to Philadelphia.

Please write me  
a line, and say, if the  
same was received; and  
very much Oblyc.  
Yr. Obedt. Servant.

John L. Taylor.

The fee was recd Sept 26 & cleared  
The amt was \$5.99 which was paid  
for penbook. Sept 28 - amounting to \$52.18  
& Certificate of Deposit in Phila & Cal  
Bank - Sent to him by mail Sept 29

Yr. Obedt. Servant  
John L. Taylor



John L Taylor

Oct 2/88

Inquiring about  
Bay Gold dust



United States Assay Office  
New York Oct 2, 1866.

Sir,

I transmit, enclosed, my  
requisition upon the Department for  
thirty thousand dollars to meet the  
expenses of this Office, viz:

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| For Salaries         | 7,000.           |
| " Wages              | 8,000            |
| " Inc. & Cont. Exps. | 15,000.          |
|                      | <u>\$30,000.</u> |

I respectfully request that it may  
be forwarded in the usual manner  
with your approval.

Very respectfully,  
Yours obt. servt.,  
Chas. F. Downing,  
Supt.

Hon. William Millward, {  
Director of the Mint. }



Geo F Dunning  
Supt Assay office  
N.Y.

Enclosing Requisition  
for \$10000

Oct 24 1866



## FIRST NATIONAL BANK.

Collections Promptly Remitted.

Union City, Ind., Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> 1866

Director U.S. Mint:

Philadelphia Pa Sir:

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of Sept.  
 last I sent you a D<sup>r</sup> on N.Y. (with an  
 order) for \$400. in 10, 20, 30, & 5 cent  
 pieces, and have never heard any  
 thing of it? Did you not receive it?  
 & why the delay?

Please answer at once

 Very Truly  
 R. S. Fisher  
 Cashier

Rec'd Ent

17 Sept

Rec'd Oct 9/66



R. P. Fisher

Cashier

1st Nat BK

Union City Ind

Oct 2/66

Inquiring why

1, 2, 3, & 5 pieces

were not received



Chillicothe, Ohio.  
3<sup>rd</sup> Oct. '1866.

To The Superintendent of  
The Mint, Phila.

Dear Sir,

I wrote to you  
Yesterday, to inquire about  
a small package of gold  
dust, transmitted to you,  
from Washington, on the  
24<sup>th</sup> Sept., to be coined for me.  
After I sent my letter to  
you, I rec<sup>d</sup>. from G. C.  
Thompson, Supt. of Mint  
Dept. Adams' Express Co. - a  
letter, containing The Mint-  
Mem<sup>o</sup>. and Certificate of  
Deposit for \$52.18 currency,  
for the same. And I  
now write to advise you of the  
same, and to thank you



for your kindred in the  
premises.

Yr. Obedt. - Servt.

John L. Taylor.

John L. Taylor  
Oct 3 08  
Acknowledging  
receipt of C/P  
for \$52.10.



Dewant Oct 4 1866

De Sir

Enclosed please find  
two samples of Ore. will  
You have the kindness in-  
form me if they contain any  
Metal of value. Your earliest  
Answer to the Above will.

Oblige Yours

Maxlow Power



Mahlon Bower  
Oct 4/86

Enclosing two  
Specimens etc



Baltimore Oct 6 1866

Gents  
United States Mint  
You will  
please find enclosed 30% of  
fine silver. Please return  
the amt in coin and  
oblige

Edward Price  
Care Adams Ex Co  
Baltimore

Wm



Edward Rice

Set off  
shipping  
a box of fine  
Silver



Pittsburg Oct 4/06

Dear Jas Beck

Director of Minr

On Sept 4<sup>th</sup> we forwarded  
to you \$50 dolls in U.S. Cy  
Funds for 5 cts coin which  
generally takes 3 weeks to deliver  
and to date we have not heard  
any thing from the same, as  
it is some of a draw back to  
our business please forward  
the same - -

Yours Respectfully

J. G. B. Barre

Sent Oct 4 -

Thompson



By Backofen & son  
Oct 4/06.

Inquiring about  
S. P. Coan.



Express Receipts

Bills of Lading etc

1866



INSURANCE, ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

only,

Except against loss occasioned by the public enemy.

For the Company,

INSURANCE, \$

# Adams Express Company

## GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

No. 1.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.,

July 12 1866.

RECEIVED OF

U. S. Mint

1 B

Value

Marked

Hendricks &amp; Bro

New York

Which it is mutually agreed is to be forwarded to our Agency nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there delivered to other parties to complete the transportation.

It is part of the consideration of this contract, and it is agreed, that the said Express Company ARE FORWARDERS ONLY, and are not to be held liable or responsible for any loss or damage to said property while being conveyed by the CARRIERS to whom the same may be by said Express Company entrusted, or arising from the dangers of Railroads, Ocean or River Navigation, Steam, Fire in Stores, Depots, or in Transit, Leakage, Breakage, or from any cause whatever, unless, in every case, the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of said Express Company, or their servants; nor in any event shall the holder hereof demand beyond the sum of FIFTY DOLLARS, at which the article forwarded is hereby valued, unless otherwise herein expressed, or unless specially insured by them, and so specified in this receipt, which insurance shall constitute the limit of the liability of the Adams Express Company. And if the same is entrusted or delivered to any other Express Company or Agent, (which said Adams Express Company are hereby authorized to do,) such Company or person so selected shall be regarded exclusively as the agent of the shipper or owner, and, as such, alone liable, and the Adams Express Company shall not be, in any event, responsible for the negligence or non-performance of any such Company or person; nor in any event shall said Express Company be liable for any loss or damage, unless the claim therefor shall be presented to them, in writing, at this office, within thirty days after this date, in a statement to which this receipt shall be annexed. All articles of GLASS, or contained in Glass, or any of a fragile nature, will be taken at Shipper's risk only, and the Shipper agrees that the Company shall not be held responsible for any injury by breakage or otherwise, nor for damage to goods not properly packed and secured for transportation. It is further agreed that said Company shall not, in any event, be liable for any loss, damage or detention caused by the acts of God, Civil or Military Authority, or by Rebellion, Piracy, Insurrection, or Riot, or the dangers incident to a time of war.

For the Company,

C. Kane

FREIGHT,



Express Receipt

Nickel returned  
to Hendricks  
Bar.  
June 12<sup>th</sup> 1882

for  
to

FRIGHT

For the Company

RECEIVED

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

EXPRESS FOR WARD  
CREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN

James F. H. Co.



Philadelphia, Feb 10 1866

Print of the United States

Bought of JERRY WALKER,

Importer and Dealer in Wines, Brandies, Cigars, &c.,

No. 231 CHESTNUT STREET.

Order No 32

Suppl  
Carrick Philadelphia  
Order blank

|                          |    |    |
|--------------------------|----|----|
| 1 Case Bouch Cont Brandy | 72 | 00 |
| 5 doz Pine App           | 12 | 50 |
| 4 Btl Brannan. Whisky    | 16 | 00 |
| 4 - Rye Whisky           | 6  | 00 |
| 4 - Royal Sherry         | 10 | 00 |
| 100 Cigarettes Cigars    | 11 | 00 |

27.50  
Total  
J. C. Walker  
S. C. Walker



Bill & Dear of  
Jeny Walker  
Lequre



How I met Mr & Mrs -

= Metropolitan Hotel -

New York -

Visiting the sister

at 225 - \$5.00



Ledge  
- Daley - Situated in Zuba  
District - Alaska -  
Idaho -



# Adams Express Company

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN  
EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

No. 1.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.,

April 7 1866

RECEIVED OF

Director of U. S. Mint

One Parcel

Value \$120

Marked

San John N M & Co

Metropolitan Hotel - New York

Which it is mutually agreed is to be forwarded to our Agency nearest or most convenient to destination only, and there delivered to other parties to complete the transportation.

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For the Company,

Geo B Thompson

FREIGHT,



1. KENT

For the Company

Adam Ex Leo Rep  
to Director for Packman  
to Hon Jno R. McBride.

Metropolitan Hotel,  
N. York City

Order Silver and bars. etc

\$20

April 7. 1866

FOR MAY 1866  
WESTERN AND SOUTHERN

For the Company



OFFICE OF THE  
**American Life Insurance & Trust Co.**

Walnut Street, S. E. corner of Fourth,

*Phila. March 1866*

*A Stated Meeting of the Trustees of  
the American Life Insurance and Trust Co.  
will be held at the Office of the Company  
on Thursday, the 8<sup>th</sup> inst.  
at 12 o'clock, noon.*

*John S. Wilson,*

*Secretary.*

*To Hon Jas Pollock*



Hon Mrs R. M. Bride  
Metropolitan Hotel  
N. Y. City

Quarts from Daily Lease  
Tuba District Alameda  
Co. Idaho. Terry.

Value of Silver to be ascertained  
re

MAINTAINING 2nd E. CORNER OF 10th ST

AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE & TRUST CO

OFFICE OF THE



Philadelphia Aug. 14 <sup>1866</sup>  
United States Mint  
To John Erwin

|      |                        |         |
|------|------------------------|---------|
| 2000 | Small Oysters          | \$60.00 |
| 10   | Small Salad            | 25.00   |
| 2    | Boiled Ham             | 12.00   |
|      | Wine for the table     | 2.00    |
|      | Strawberry Sauce       | 2.00    |
| 5    | lbs. Cheese            | 1.50    |
| 5    | lbs. Crackers          | .80     |
|      | Cold Sausage for table | 1.00    |
| 4    | lbs. Butter            | 3.00    |
| 1    | pk. Potatoes           | 1.00    |
| 6    | doz. rasp rolls        | 3.60    |
| 10   | loaves Bread           | .50     |
| 2    | doz. Knives            | 7.00    |
|      | Wine & Glass.          | 4.11    |
| 3    | Mens' services         | 18.00   |
| 2    | Boned Turkeys.         | 27.00   |

~~Knives, Wine & Glass~~  
Received Payment

\$162.51

Witness

J. P. Green

Cesar Brooks  
for John Erwin  
mark



Bill & Receipt of  
John Erwin  
Afar Durian  
Feb 13 & 14<sup>th</sup> 1866.



INSURED *by* ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY,

only,

Except against loss occasioned by the public enemy.

For the Company,

INSURANCE, \$

FREIGHT,

# Adams Express Company

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN  
EXPRESS FORWARDERS.  
OFFICES, S. E. COR. ELEVENTH & MARKET STREETS, AND NO. 320 CHESTNUT STREET.

No. 1.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.,

RECEIVED OF

Director of U.S. Mint

Sept 11 1866.

Marked

Gen. Bk Value \$ 28.114  
U.S. Branch Mint  
Per U.S. Halliday & M. L. Co Denver Colo

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For the Company,

Binkum



Phila Feb 12, 66

W. S. Mint  
Gov of Saml. T. Jones

4 pints Ginger Syr @ 62 2.48

Recd pay

Saml. T. Jones,  
for Emel Gartram

Correct  
Wm E Dubois  
asst. assayer



Saml Jones  
Soda Water,



# Adams Express Company

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN  
EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

No. 1

PHILADELPHIA, PA.,

Oct 16

1865

RECEIVED OF

Director of U. S. Mint

one Box

Value \$25

Marked

Dept of Branch Mint

Denver

Colorado Territory

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For the Company,

Geo. Thompson

FREIGHT,



Receipt  
Adams Express  
Co

Oct 16/86

Forwarding  
Box lead to  
Denver

EXPLAINS FOR ALL  
CITY EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN



# OFFICE OF THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.

## EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

\$ 5 —

Philadelphia

June 16 1866

Received from

Director of U. S. Mail  
J. Smith Adams  
New York

to be forwarded to  
at

alleged to contain, (and to be forwarded only as) \$ 5 — sealed and  
delivered to said — only on surrender of this receipt therefor.

If it shall at any time appear that the real value thereof exceeds said alleged value, then said depositor shall pay to said Express Company Ten Dollars for every one hundred dollars of said excess of value, but without any liability by said Express Company for such excess.

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For the Proprietors,

FREIGHT.

Gustavus V. Town



June 16/66  
Recd \$5 in 5 ct  
coin sent to  
J. Smith Roman's  
New York.



THE  
AMERICAN



EXPRESS CO

DO A GENERAL  
EXPRESS BUSINESS  
BETWEEN

All the Principal Cities and  
Towns of the States of

N. YORK,  
KENTUCKY,  
WISCONSIN,  
WEST'N PENNSYLVIA,  
MICHIGAN,  
MISSOURI,  
OHIO,  
ILLINOIS,  
MINNESOTA,  
INDIANA, IOWA,  
CANADA,

And connecting with other  
responsible Expresses to  
all parts of the world.

PROPRIETORS:  
Livingston, Fargo & Co.  
BUFFALO.

Wells, Butterfield &  
Co., New York.

# American Express Company

Saint Paul June 13 1866

Received of T. Miller  
Cm 134

said to contain

valued at

Marked

Hon James Pollock Phil Pa

Dollars,

Which we undertake to forward to the nearest point of destination reached by this company, subject expressly to the following conditions, namely; This Company is not to be held liable for any loss or damage except as forwarders only, nor for any loss or damage by fire, by the dangers of navigation, by the act of God or of the enemies of the Government, the restraints of Government, mobs, riots, insurrections, pirates or from or by reason of any of the hazards or dangers incident to a state of war. Nor shall this Company be liable for any default or negligence of any person, corporation or association to whom the above described property shall or may be delivered by this Company, for the performance of any act or duty in respect thereto, at any place or point off the established routes or lines run by this Company, and any such person, corporation or association is not to be regarded, deemed or taken to be the agent of this Company for any such purpose, but on the contrary, such person, corporation or association shall be deemed and taken to be the agent of the person, corporation or association from whom this Company received the property above described.

Nor shall this Company be liable for any loss or damage of any box, package, or thing, for over \$50, unless the just and true value thereof is herein stated; nor upon any property, or thing, unless properly packed and secured for transportation; nor upon any fragile fabrics, unless so marked upon the package containing the same; nor upon any fabrics, consisting of, or contained in glass. The party accepting this receipt hereby agrees to the conditions herein contained.

For the Proprietors,

THOMAS, TYPOGRAPHER, BUFFALO.

Warner  
Agent.



June 25/66 Recd  
of Ex. Sec. Post Rom  
by Hon S. Miller  
St. Paul.  
Minn.



# Adams Express Company

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN  
EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

No. 1.

PHILADELPHIA, PA.,

Oct 8

1866.

RECEIVED OF

Director of U. S. Mint

one Package

Value: 30½ oz Silver

Marked

Eduard Phil

J. Ballester

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For the Company,

J. B. Thompson

FREIGHT,



Adams Express  
& Receipt

Oct 8/66

Returning 30 1/2  
oz silver to  
Edward Price

Baltimore

RECEIVED OF

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

EXPRESSIONS FOR MARRIAGES

CHEAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN

Adams Express & Receipt



# OFFICE OF THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.

## EXPRESS FORWARDERS.

\$ 500.

Philadelphia

April 14 1866

Received from

United States Mint

to be forwarded to

Hon L. L. Spinner

at

Washington D. C. San Francisco

sealed and

alleged to contain, (and to be forwarded only as)

\$ 500

and to be

delivered to said

only on surrender of this receipt therefor.

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For the Proprietors,

FREIGHT.

Hub Thompson



Adams Ex. Receipt  
\$506, com to Hon  
J. E. Spinner Iron,  
U. S. Washington  
D. C.  
April 14/66



# THE AMERICAN TELEGRAPH CO.

CONNECTING ALL THE PRINCIPAL CITIES AND TOWNS OF THE UNITED STATES.

*All messages taken subject to the following Conditions.*

To guard against errors, the sender of every message of consequence should order it REPEATED; that is, telegraphed back to the originating office. When repeated, one half the regular rate is charged in addition. The extent of damages is hereby limited for UNREPEATED messages to the amount charged for transmission, and for Repeated messages to an amount not exceeding fifty times the amount so charged, unless INSURED in writing for an agreed amount. No damages are to be claimed for interruptions caused by bad working of or breaks in the lines, nor on the Company is released from damages unless claim is presented in writing with preliminary proofs in thirty days after mistake or neglect is known.

cypher or obscure or badly written messages, unless insured; nor against this Company for any mistake, delay or neglect of other Companies over whose lines this message may be sent to reach its destination; and this Company is hereby made the Agent of the sender to forward it over the lines of such other Company. Messages can be insured by agreement in writing hereon to an amount not exceeding \$5,000 at the rate of one per cent. for less than 500 miles, and two per cent. for any excess.

These terms apply on this message through its whole course, on all lines by which the same is transmitted. No Agent or Employee is allowed to vary these terms nor to make any other or verbal agreement or promise as to the time or manner of performance.

CAMBRIDGE LIVINGSTON, Sec'y. MARSHALL LEFFERTS, Eng. E. S. SANFORD, Pres't.

Dated *San Francisco July 23* 1880.

Received at \_\_\_\_\_

To *James Pollock*  
*Director of Mint* *Pha*

*Have you received my*  
*despatch of June twenty*  
*third<sup>23</sup> has the appropriation*  
*been made*

*Robt B Swain*  
*Supt*

*14 P 789 Cove*  
*1198*



July 30/66 paid by Mr. Kunkin  
\$ 9. <sup>87</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

J. W.



# Exchange Bank of Darling & Co.

Fond du Lac, Wis. Oct 8 1866

Director U.S. Mint

Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Your favor of the

has been received

I enclose for I have a quantity  
a few hundred dollars of Silver  
say 5-10-25 & some Spanish  
Silver which I would like  
to exchange for halves and  
dollars will you please to  
inform me on what terms  
I can exchange them or  
have my silver coined  
into dollars

Respectfully  
K.A. Darling, Cash<sup>r</sup>



W a Darling  
Cash  
Oct 2/88

Inquiring as to  
exchanging some  
Silver Coins &c



Assayer's office

Oct. 8. 1866

Examination of two mineral specimens handed in by Mr. Thacher, for a party in the interior of Pennsylvania.

The first is merely micaceous sandstone; so common, that it is hard to understand the reason for sending it.

The other is ~~is~~ a very curious & unusual mineral, although probably of no value. It is not easy to decide upon a name for it; probably natural charcoal, of a low grade of carbonization, would be nearest to the truth.

It is not lignite, because it burns without flame, & contains no bituminous matter; it is not graphite, altho' it makes a good black mark. - It contains



only about 15 per cent. carbon,  
the remainder being a silicious  
earth.

Having a very fine grit, it  
would probably be useful as a  
polishing & sharpening powder;  
but otherwise, can be of no use.

J. P. Eckstein  
Assayer

no charge



I Rockford

Oct 8/86

Report in reference  
to two specimens  
one from  
Mahlon Lower



Mint of the United States.

CHIEF COINER'S DEPARTMENT.

Philadelphia, Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

W B Browne Esq  
Treasurer Mint of the US

Sir

In delivering over in settlement of my account as Chief Coiner, I transferred in error (\$385) Three Hundred Eighty Five dollars in Gold which belonged to other parties, and deposited in my vaults for safe keeping. I most respectfully ask that you refund this amount to me.

I am Sir

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Wm G Butler



Mint of the United States.

Melter & Refiner's Department.

Phila Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> 1866

N. B. Browne Esq.

Treasurer of the U. S. Mint.

Sir,

I have examined the statement of Mr J. G. Butler, late Chief Coiner of the Mint, and have reason to believe the statement correct as to such an erroneous transfer, altho' I cannot specify the amount. Among the residues transferred to me from the Chief Coiner's Vault, were two of Gold Coin, at the same time; one consisting of Pieces of light weight, to be remelted, & another of larger pieces of proper standard. The last being a small lot, a handful of double eagles, I mixed with the light pieces, in order not to accumulate residues, and melted them together. The total amount of the coin, light & good, was some two hundred and twenty five  $\frac{7}{100}$  ounces, the large proportion of which was the "lights".

Respectfully yours

J. C. Booth

Melter & Refiner



Philadelphia Oct. 11, 1866

Sir,

I enclose herewith communications from W. J. G. Butter, the late Chief Coiner of the Mint, and from Prof. J. C. Booth, the Melter & Refiner, in relation to an excess of \$385, alleged to have been erroneously delivered to me by W. Butter on the settlement of his accounts.

I see no reason to doubt that such an erroneous delivery was made, but inasmuch as I have receipted to him officially for the amount, and have had a corresponding receipt for the delivery to the Melter & Refiner, I think it proper not to attempt any rectification of the supposed error without first submitting the matter to you, and asking for your approval.

Very respectfully,

J. B. Hosmer

late Secy

William M. Ellwood, Esq  
Director



1866

2281



GOVERNMENT AGENCY AND DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF THE UNITED STATES.

S. BLACKINTON, PRES.

R. H. WELLS, VICE PRES.

E. S. WILKINSON, CASHIER.

# The Adams National Bank

CAPITAL \$ 350,000.

Incorporated 1832.

Reorganized 1865.

North Adams, Mass. 11/9<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Pollock Esq  
Director

Dear Sir  
On the 20<sup>th</sup> ulto  
I sent you off on Bank Bk  
No for \$500- and requested you  
to send Amos T. Chase rec'd  
an acknowledgement of the same,  
was it duly rec'd?

Truly Yours  
E. S. Wilkinson

Rec'd & entered Sept 25/  
will be forwarded in about  
2 weeks

Guile Shempe  
Oct, 12/66



Adams Nat Bk  
Oct 9/08

Inquiring whether  
\$500<sup>00</sup> pennies was  
received



Office of Hendricks Brothers,  
77 & 79 Broad Street,  
New York Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 1866

William Millward Esq  
Director U.S. Mint  
Philadelphia

Dear Sir. Please advise  
us by telegraph tomorrow morning. if you  
accept our offer to you of One hundred  
thousand (100,000) pounds of Detroit Smelted  
ingot copper at Thirty one and one quarter  
(31 $\frac{1}{4}$ ) ct pr lb. delivered at the mint and  
casks.

Yours Truly  
Hendricks Brothers

Oct 11/66  
The purchase of this day upon  
more favorable terms in your city  
Yours Truly



Hendricks Bros  
New York.

Offering 100,000 lbs. of  
Copper for sale.

Oct. 10. 1866.



BANKING OFFICE OF THOMAS SQUIRES,

1 Exchange Building,

WM. H. SQUIRES, Cash.

ALBANY, N. Y.,

Oct 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Sir

On the 13<sup>th</sup> ult I remitted  
\$50 L. I. for same amount in new 5/  
Coin, and as more than sufficient time  
has elapsed (the reply said they would be  
furnished in 3 weeks) I beg leave to call your  
attention to the matter, and request that  
they be forwarded immediately.

Yours Respectfully,

W. H. Squires

Recd & entered on the 17<sup>th</sup> ult  
will be forwarded some time  
next week.

Asmunt  
Oct 12/66

Geo. C. Thompson



Thos Lquires

Oct 11/66

Inquiring why  
5<sup>th</sup> pieces were  
not forwarded



**Second National Bank of Scranton**

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF THE UNITED STATES

Scranton, Pa. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon James Fallock  
Director U. S. Mint

Dear Sir

Enclosed you will  
find U. S. O. Dph #226. for \$500  
for which please send me

10 Bags \$50 Each 5<sup>th</sup> Coin \$500

Very Respy Yours

P C Carling Cash

I have not yet received amount  
ordered Sept 11. 1866. 11 Bags \$530



P & Carling  
Cash

2<sup>d</sup> Natl DR  
Scranton Pa

transmitting  
\$500 in I. R. Certif's

Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> 1866



Fred. Probst & Co  
New York.

In reference to Cast Iron  
& Steel Rolls.

Ordered by Chief Clerk, Enclosing  
Diagram & Co. Oct. 19. 1866.

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> 1866

*Philadelphia*

Director of the U. S. Mint

Wm McInward



those of  
as the  
measured  
by the  
hand  
of the  
Co.



Banking Office of  
**MCKENNEY & INGERSOLL,**

Marion, Ill. Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1866

Hon James Fallock  
 Sir:

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of Sept  
 /66 we ordered of you \$50. worth each  
 of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> coin - These are waiting  
 very patiently to receive them, and are to  
 great inconvenience in not receiving them -  
 Will you please forward them at your  
 earliest opportunity -

Yours Truly  
 McKenney & Ingersoll  
 B.

Very Truly Yours Oct 12 -

Thompson



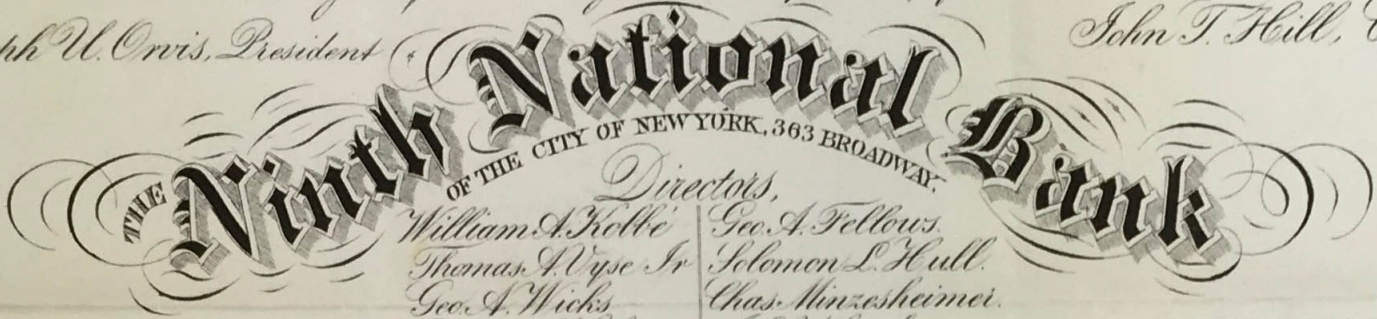
McKenney &  
Ingersoll

Oct 13/66

~~Impressed by their~~  
~~345 & Co in answer~~  
~~received~~  
asking to have  
their order for  
345 & Co in form  
waived



Government Agency and Designated Depository of the United States  
Joseph W. Orris, President John T. Hill, Cashier.



AUTHORIZED CAPITAL  
\$ 2,000,000.

CASH CAPITAL PAID IN  
\$ 1,000,000.

New York, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Millward  
Supt of the Mint  
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir:

When the three cent coin was ready for delivery, I made arrangement with the officers of the U. S. Mint at Phil<sup>a</sup> to assist in their distribution which arrangement was renewed on the appearance of the new five cent coin;

This arrangement was simply that I was to inform our Correspondents, that the coin would be sent free, and the arrangement was that my orders should be filled without delay. I now observe that our orders are put down to be furnished some weeks ahead. I regret this, and trust it will meet your views to furnish our orders as sent to you. I remain  
Yours with respect  
J. W. Orris



9<sup>th</sup> Nat Bk

Oct 12/86

In relation to  
small coin.



Pittsburgh

Oct 13<sup>th</sup> / 66.

Mr A. L. Snowden Esq  
Chief Coiner U. S. Mint  
Sir, We will make

you the rolls as per diagram sent  
us box and delivered on the cars  
here for \$325<sup>00</sup>

These rolls are a trifle heavier  
than the last we made you,  
but will make them for the  
above sum. Turned Polished Boxed  
and shipped — Could make them  
immediately on receipt of order

Lewis Cassiter & Co



Pittsburgh-

Oct. 13. 1866.

Lewis Cassiter & Co.

Offering to furnish rolls.  
at \$325.<sup>00</sup>



C. G. Williams Megraw.  
President.

M. N. Megraw.  
Vice President.

M. Jamieson.  
Cashier.

# First National Bank.

Batavia, O. \_\_\_\_\_ 186

Dear Mr. S. Mumt  
Sir,

On the 15<sup>th</sup> of Sept. - You  
acknowledged Draft of \$30<sup>00</sup> for coin  
ordered by this Bank - \$30<sup>00</sup> in 3 cent  
coin & \$20<sup>00</sup> in one cent coin - and you  
stated in 3 weeks the coin would be found  
ed. It is now about four weeks - and  
as we need the coin badly I hope our  
order will be attended to at once

Yours Truly

M. Jamieson Cashier

is addressed by Express

1<sup>st</sup> Natl. Bank, Batavia Ohio

care of C. G. Megraw & Co No 86 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street  
Cincinnati, Ohio

They will be reached today in the sequel  
order will be forwarded

Respectfully



per Nat BK  
Batavia,  
Ohio  
noted  
Rec Oct 15/88  
Inquiring about  
Small coin



Sir Meadville Oct 14/66

On the 12<sup>th</sup> of Sept  
I rec your acknowledgm<sup>t</sup>  
of the rec<sup>t</sup> of money  
order for fifty dollars  
for punry. Which punry  
you inform me will  
be sent in three weeks  
It is now five weeks  
& yet the punry have  
not been rec<sup>d</sup>

Yours with Respect  
C Cullum

Wm

Genl. Oct 13<sup>th</sup>, 1866 —

Photo Oct. 17/66 Thompson



From

A. Culham F.M.

Meadville Pa.

In reference to \$50  
order for 1<sup>st</sup> coin sent  
Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>

Order filled & forward.

Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>

Ans. Oct. 17. 1866



Government Agency and Designated Depository of the United States  
Joseph W. Orris, President John T. Hill, Cashier.

**THE Ninth National Bank**  
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, 363 BROADWAY.  
Directors,  
William A. Riddle, Geo. A. Fellows,  
Thomas A. Wyse, Jr., Solomon L. Hull,  
Geo. A. Wicks, Chas. Minzesheimer,  
Samuel S. Solomon, J. C. Whitehouse,  
Joseph W. Orris.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL  
\$ 2,000,000.

CASH CAPITAL PAID IN  
\$ 1,000,000.

New York, Oct 16<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Hon<sup>ble</sup> Mr Millward  
Director of the Mint  
Philadelphia Pa.

Dear Sir: I am in the receipt  
of your valued favor of the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Make I respectfully  
make a personal request  
that in view of the previous  
arrangement, and of the fact  
that I have informed our Corres-  
pondents at considerable expense, that  
the Com<sup>rs</sup> would be promptly forwarded  
You will make an exception in  
our favor and send off the order  
already accumulated.

Yours with respect  
J. W. Orris



Fifth National Bank  
N. Y.

Acknowledging recpt. of  
Director's letter of 15<sup>th</sup> in  
reference to distribution of  
small coin.

Oct. 16. 1866.



W.W. WINTON, PRESIDENT.

(CAPITAL \$ 200,000.)

P. C. CARLING, CASHIER

# Second National Bank of Scranton

DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY OF THE UNITED STATES

Hon  
Wm Millwar  
Director U.S. Mint  
Scranton, Pa. Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Sir

Your Com. of the 15<sup>th</sup>  
inst with enclosure, Certificate  
is received

Yours Resp'y  
P C Carling



From  
2<sup>d</sup> Natl. Bank  
of Scranton Pa.

Acknowledging receipt of  
Director's communication  
of 15<sup>th</sup> inst. enclosing  
certificates &c.

Oct. 18. 1866.



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Dear Sirs

would you please  
examine the contents in this paper  
whether it be of any value or not we got this  
about 9 or 5 feet beneath the surface all the  
same depth for about eight or ten rod in several  
quantities please let us know immediately  
as we got it in the bottom of a ditch in under  
draining our cellar we want to know soon  
so that we can fill our drain up or if  
it is of any value we can dig deeper

if you will let us know you will  
very much oblige your humble servant  
J. Harrison



From

M. F. Harrison

Penn.

Enclosing specimen  
for assay.

(Report) Roston Stone.

Oct. 22. 1866.

~~Address~~

Address

M. F. Harrison

Emon. Valley

Lawrence Co

Penn



Decomposed rock, with  
particles of mica  
May be seen on every road-side



23592.21

52451.15

117.96

1.5



Phila. Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 1864.

J. H. Gantner Esq.

Jersey City.

Sent,

Yours of the 22<sup>d</sup>

is received. In reply I have to state that  
we do not own the articles inquired.

The crucibles are of heavy iron  
and the covers and stirrers are to be  
made like those used in the Mint.

Very respectfully

J. H. Bleck  
Director



Office of J. H. Gaultier & Co.

Jersey City, N. J. 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1864

Jas Pollock Esq.  
Director United States Mint  
Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir:

We leave your favor of yesterday (20<sup>th</sup>)  
including an order for Crutches & for the Branch Mint  
at San Francisco - and await arrival by Express  
of the samples of dipping pots.

You will oblige us by informing us if the  
Crutches are to have the ordinary lip & whether  
the Corros are to <sup>be</sup> made as we usually make  
them for the Mint at Phil<sup>a</sup>. We understand  
that the Skinners are to be like those used  
at Phil<sup>a</sup>.

Would you like us to get the Shipment  
insured?

Yours truly  
J. H. Gaultier & Co.

No insurance - Ordinary Lip - covers like ours  
& S. Reman's do



From Mr.

J. A. Gantier  
Jury City

Concerning our debts  
re. for Loan from  
Asw.

Oct. 24. 66

Wm. C. Gantier  
Jury City



Fred<sup>d</sup> Probst & Co. 55 Broad St.  
New York, 22<sup>d</sup> Oct 1866

Wm. Millward Esq  
Director of the U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia

Dear Sir,

We beg leave to advise  
the receipt of your esteemed favor of  
20<sup>th</sup> inst, with which you had the  
kindness to transmit to us a detailed  
report and a diagram of the Rolls in  
use at the mint, which we trust  
will enable us to execute the order on  
two Rolls for the mint (Casamonedá)  
at Culiacan, Mexico.

Be pleased to accept our most grateful  
acknowledgements for the information  
furnished, and believe us,

Dear Sir,

Yours most obed<sup>t</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Fred<sup>d</sup> Probst & Co



Fredk. Probet & Co  
New York

Acknowledging receipt  
of Directors letter,  
Enclosing Report &  
Diagram of Rolls—  
now in use in the  
Mint

OCT 22. 1866



Salem Bank.

Salem, Nov 23<sup>d</sup> 1866

Wm Willard Esq,  
Director US Mint &c

Dear Sir

Yours of 21<sup>st</sup> inst rec<sup>d</sup>.  
The coals arrived in due  
season. ————— You ack: rec<sup>d</sup>  
this —

" about 2 weeks "

For similar  
for your letter of 12 Oct

Yours with thanks  
for attention,

GEO D PHIPPEN  
Cash.



Salem Natl. Bank  
Nov. 23<sup>d</sup> 1866

Geo. D. Shippen,  
Cashier

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Acknowledging receipt  
of cents ordered.

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Treasury Department,

October 24, 1866.

Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 23<sup>d</sup> inst, to the Secretary, requesting the admission, free of duties and charges, of Twelve (12) cases of Nickel (as described in said letter) \_\_\_\_\_

imported for the use of the U. S. Mint at Phila: in the "Scotland Erin" & "Brazilian" at the port of New York, from \_\_\_\_\_?

The Collector of Customs at that port has been instructed accordingly.

I am, very respectfully,

J. P. Hawley

Asst. Secretary of the Treasury.

Wm Millward Esq.,

Director U. S. Mint

Phila: Pa.



J W Bentley  
Asst Secy Navy

Oct 24/66  
Notifying of Admission  
duty free of 12 Cases  
Nickel

OCT. 24<sup>th</sup> 1866



Office of Hendricks Brothers,  
77 & 79 Broad Street,  
New York \_\_\_\_\_ 1866

Wm Mulwand Esq  
Director U S Mint  
Philada. Pa

Your favor 25<sup>th</sup> is at hand. In reply one of  
our firm will be in Philadelphia the beginning  
of ensuing week and see you in relation  
to Copper.

Respy Yrs  
Hendricks Bros



From  
Hendricks Bros.  
New York.

Acknowledging receipt  
of Directors letter of  
the 25<sup>th</sup> inst. in relation  
to Detroit Copper

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup> 1866



Stock and Exchange Broker,

Richmond, Va., October 25<sup>th</sup> 1866

To the Director  
of the U. S. Mint  
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Please inform me upon what terms about 20,000 =  
of Sovereigns could be converted into American Gold  
Coin, and 3000 of Dimes & 1/2 Dimes into American Half Dols.  
How long after receipt of the Coin at the mint, would the  
return shipment be made?—

If you issue any Circulars giving American  
Gold value for Foreign Gold American Coins please forward  
me to me.—

An early reply will oblige

Yours Respectfully  
Edward Cohen

4.83 9  
4.82.7

Average value of new Sovereigns \$4.81 7/8

" " " old " 4.80 3/4

The Dimes & Half dimes are not receivable at the Mint  
except such as are defaced or coined prior to 1853.

E.S.C.



From  
Edward Coher  
Richmond Va

Asking at what rate  
we will receive 2000  
Sovereigns to be conver-  
ted into American  
Coin &c.

Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> 1866.



N. B. BROWNE, President.  
CLARENCE H. CLARK, Vice-Pres't.  
ROBERT PATTERSON, Treas. and Sec'y.

The Fidelity Insurance, Trust, and Safe Deposit Company.  
CAPITAL,  
Five Hundred Thousand Dollars.

PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL BANK BUILDING,

Philadelphia, Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 1866

Dear Sir,

I enclose drafts for contracts with the Adams & U. S. Express Co's. The contract with the Holladay Express had better be drawn up & executed by W. Lane so as to cover the changed points of delivery. Their offer was for Topeka, and I infer that in future that will not be the point at which the U. S. Express are to take the gold. W. Lane can best draft the agreement. When executed it, as well as the others, must be submitted to the Sec. of Treasury for approval.

Yours  
R. Patterson

W. Hackens.



U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1866/OCTOBER



